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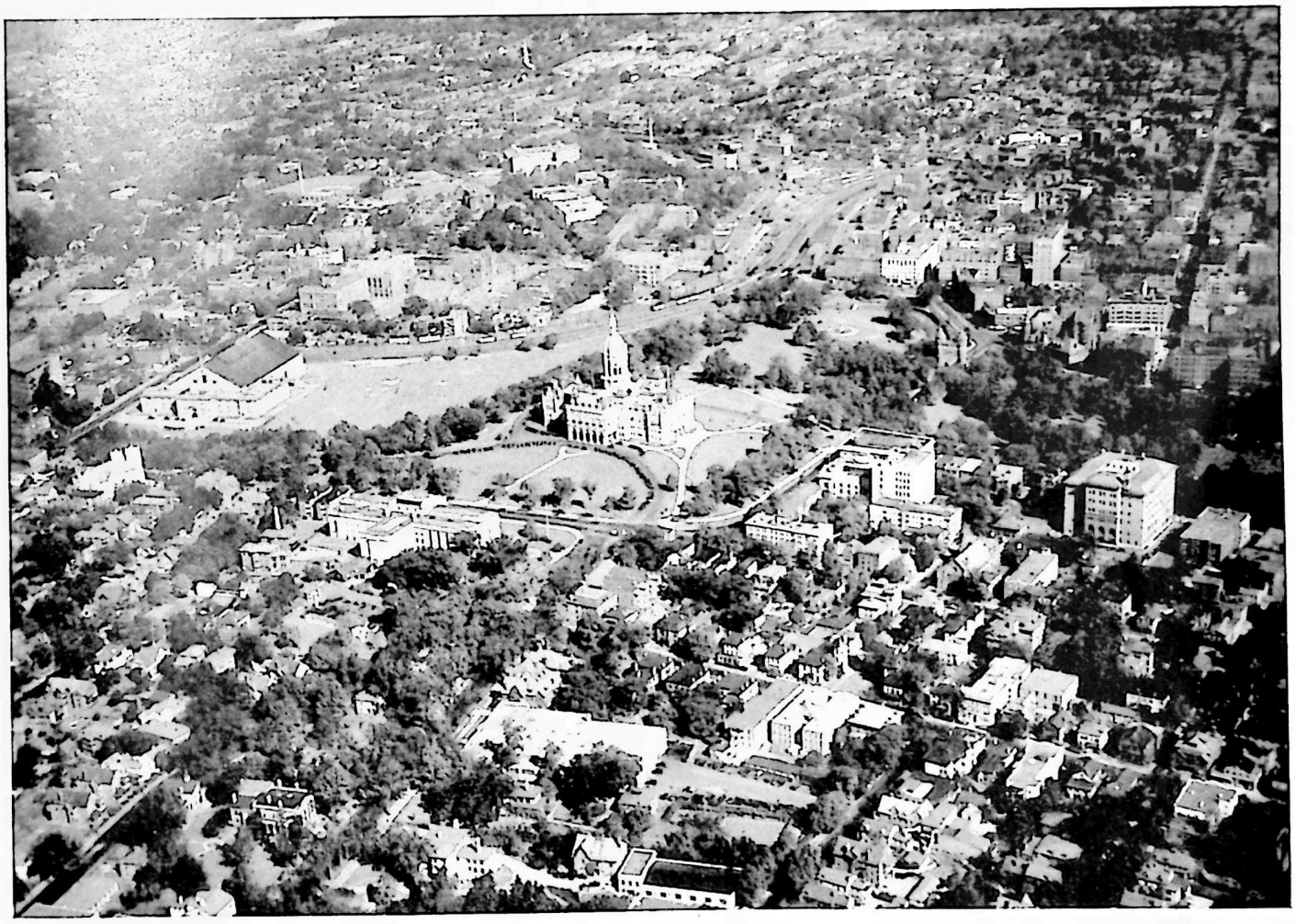

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TWO PRAYERS

Last night my little boy confessed to me
A childish wrong,
And, kneeling, prayed he tearfully;
"Dear God, make me a man like Daddy,
Wise and Strong."

Then, when he slept, I knelt beside his bed,
(One's sins annoy)
And there confessed, and prayed, with low-bowed head:
"O God, forgive my sins and make me
Like my little boy."

P. E. J. in Anthracitems.
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FORGET

Forget the slander you have heard,
Forget the hasty, unkind word,
Forget the quarrel and the cause
Forget the whole affair, because
Forgetting is the only way.
Forget the storm of yesterdays,
Forget the chap whose sour face
Forgets to smile in any place;
Forget to even get the blues;
But — don't forget to pay your dues.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

On motion of the National Treasurer, a motion was passed by the National Executive Committee on March 11 that the National Commander appoint an Auditing Committee of three, to audit the books of the Association for the year ending March 31, 1939, and prepare a report to be read at the National Convention.

Commander MILLER appointed the following: Chm., ALBERT M. PACIFICI (101st Inf.); V. BROOKS HITCHINS (101st Engrs.); Past National President WILLIAM J. BROWN (101st F. Sig. Bn.). All are members of Boston Chapter, for the principal reason that it will be much easier for them to meet.

PACIFICI is an accountant and has actually done the work of closing the books and making up the financial report for many years; HITCHINS is in the trust department of the State Street Trust Co., an income tax advisor and a member of the Finance Committee of the town of Dedham; BROWN is an executive of the United Drug Company.

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BETWEEN OURSELVES

In some respects this job of being editor is getting easier. Time was when we felt in incumbent on ourselves to concoct a learned (?) treatise on something or other to fill this page. Now others have stepped into the breach. This month there are two. Unfortunately we can't print in full what each has to say. But we'll shoot as much as space will allow.

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The first Contributing Editorial Writer (unknown to himself) is Fiorello H. LaGuardia, Mayor of New York. In reply to a letter from our Americanism Officer HARRY BUGBEE, who wrote concerning the Bund episode at Madison Square Garden, Mayor LaGuardia saw fit to state his stand by enclosing a copy of a letter he had already sent to a Jewish rabbi. It makes good reading — good Americanism. We quote:

"It is striking that among the communications I have received, I find so many from persons interested in organizations whose meetings themselves were protected at various times from outside interference.

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"The obvious contrast between freedom of speech in this country and in ruthless dictator nations was sharply brought home to millions of persons inside those countries as a result of this meeting. For within these nations, involuntarily, the controlled press of the dictators in commenting upon the meeting revealed that New York and the rest of the United States have what they do not have, and what they want — free speech and free assemblage.

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"Be that as it may, I want to reiterate my position. As long as such meetings are conducted in an orderly and lawful manner, with

no violence advocated and no preaching for the overthrow of the Government by violence and force, they can be held. Our Constitution provides for free speech, and in this City, that right will be respected. What kind of free speech is it which permits free speech only for those with whom we agree? That is the kind of free speech they have in dictator countries — but it isn't free speech.

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"Even ignoring the limitations upon the powers of city officials, it would be a strange thing if because I didn't agree with the sponsors of a meeting, I should move to prevent it. In such a case, I would then be doing exactly as Hitler is doing in carrying on his abhorrent form of government. I think there can be no doubt as to my own views regarding the government of Hitler, but I am determined that the basic guarantees of free speech and free assemblage, set forth in the Constitution of the United States, shall be maintained in the City of New York as long as I am Mayor."

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The other volunteer editorial writer is one of our own members, DAVE SWARTZ, Secretary of Detroit Chapter. It is writen in reply to last month's editorial by LEON DENIS, captioned "The Worm Turns."

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The article "The Worm Turns" under the caption "Between Ourselves" in the March issue of YANKEE DOINGS contains clauses referring to the refugees of a totalitarian state in terms likening them to members of organizations opposed to the American form of government. This is an erroneous inference. There is absolutely no connection between refugees and members of the German-American Bund, the Silver-shirts, Fascists, or any other anti-American group. Refugees are not displacing American workmen or securing employment at the expense of American citizens. That there may be instances of this may be more than likely, but in the majority of cases to date this would not hold true. The very opposite has been evident. The few refugees who have entered the United States were legally admitted in compliance with the Immigration law. Many were in the United States before the November 10th purge as students or to conduct business, and now are established as manufacturers employing American labor, or have sufficient income to maintain them in their accustomed sphere from funds transferred to this country from their home-land or from capital in American banks formerly used as a working fund.

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Refugees that were forced to leave their home-land without funds have been cared for from a common fund derived from voluntary contributions sent from all over the world. A person without means of support cannot be admitted to the United States. This in itself is a protection for the citizen of the United States. Attached is an item from the Detroit *News* of Sunday, March 26th, pertaining to aliens on relief and nowhere does it include or mention refugees. It states that statistics of the Welfare Department show these aliens to have resided in the United States in the great majority of cases before the depression and a number to have been here between 1910 and 1920. This condition no doubt exists throughout the breadth of the nation.

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The various subversive agencies attempting to overthrow the American form of government or striving to create discord and secure adherents find a staunch bulwark of defense of American principles in these very same refugees who speak with the conviction of true experiences of life in a concentration camp and under the despotic rule of a paranoiac. It is difficult to conceive that a people robbed, physically whipped, torn apart from their families, starved, seeing husband, wife, child, mother or father killed before their eyes, who once secure entrance to another country, stand up and seek to have their new home-land undergo the same atrocious and horrible experience that was theirs in the old country.

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It is true that the American people are forced to listen or read about the activities of Bund leaders or other subversive organization leaders, but this is far better than to have the same agencies doing so in secret; for with full publicity of the un-American actions brought to the attention of the citizenry the representatives of the people in Congress and the various departments of government, with proper law enforcement and with due process of law, will provide means to eliminate those opposed to the government we want and send them back to the countries where they can live as they preach.

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American labor, however, will not be content to sit back and weep copious tears and, while they are standing aside, permit people

of another country to take their jobs. The same spirit of independence, fight, and perseverance, asking no odds from anyone, be he refugee or otherwise, will keep Americans at work. To save those Americans who are not so strong, industrial combines can be educated to employ citizens before aliens, but in this respect do not let us fail to consider that persons of good moral character abiding by our laws of society who, though not citizens are living in this country of the free, are entitled to live their lives as they want to and if they do not desire to be naturalized why force them to, for if a person does not think enough of the United States to become a citizen thereof we are better off if he remains an alien. We shall find, however, that the refugees will become citizens, not for what they can get out of it, but because to them citizenship means happiness, free pursuit of home, religious freedom, and a haven for a suffering being.

FINAL MEMBERSHIP STANDINGS

It is the desire of the National Commander, concurred in by all members of the National Executive Committee, that the drive for new members be carried on until Convention time. With this purpose in mind, and not forgetting that the goal was 5000 members by Convention; it is proposed that all NEW members taken in from April 1 until the Convention, be added to the final standing on March 31. A "new" member — as you know — is one who has skipped at least one year.

This means that — to all intents and purposes — members who held cards up to March 31, 1939 will not be considered "in arrears" until the opening of the Convention. They will be sent YANKEE DOINGS, and will be allowed all privileges of membership. But when the opening gavel of the Convention bangs, they become in arrears. No member can vote at the Convention unless he has a card to April 1, 1940. That is right in the Constitution.

Please don't take this as an excuse to delay paying your dues. The faster they come in the better.

Now for the final standing at the close of the business day March 31 — the last day of the year.

Final Standings

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

	Final Standing	Pre-paid for the coming year
Augusta	12	0
Cumberland County	10	0
Farmington	25	0
Lewiston	37	9
Skowhegan	11	0
At Large	32	1
TOTAL	127	10

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Concord	24	12
Franklin	23	0
Keene	19	0
Manchester	103	18
Nashua	80	21
Triangle	25	4
At Large	26	4
TOTAL	300	59

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

Bellows Falls	7	0
Brattleboro	25	2
Burlington	3	0
Montpelier	39	0
Rutland	23	1
Springfield	4	0
At Large	10	2
TOTAL	111	5

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Attleboro	8	0
Beverly	55	8
Boston	658	82
Brockton	19	1
Clinton	2	0
Danvers	30	5
Fitchburg	44	7
Haverhill	51	16
Holyoke	10	1
Lowell	52	18
Lynn	215	42
Marlborough	26	0
Milford	21	2
New Bedford	47	6
Northampton	12	2
Salem	44	14
Springfield	58	10

	Final Standing	Pre-paid for the coming year
Webster-Dudley	24	7
Worcester	171	27
At Large	81	4
TOTAL	1628	252

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Pawtucket	84	35
Providence	212	50
TOTAL	296	85

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Bridgeport	32	1
Bristol	82	2
Hartford	301	75
Manchester	76	28
Meriden	26	0
Middletown	16	0
New Britain	64	52
New Haven	177	6
New London	22	17
Norwalk	33	2
Stamford	46	4
Terryville	20	0
Torrington	27	0
*Valley	33	12
Wallingford	21	21
Waterbury	27	5
Willimantic	45	10
Winsted	0	0
At Large	6	1
TOTAL	1054	236

*Mailed on March 31, but not received until April 1, were 5 additional new members from Valley Chapter, bringing it within two of its quota of 40.

DEPARTMENT OF UNITED STATES

Chicago	28	4
Cleveland	49	5
Denver	15	7
Detroit	30	1
Los Angeles	23	1
New York	227	50
St. Louis	19	0
Washington	30	13
At Large	115	5
TOTAL	536	86
GRAND TOTAL	4052	733

Exclusive of Life Members

The above figures will provide lots of interesting study. But first of all, how does the final figure of 4053 compare with one year ago? On March 31, 1938, the final standing was 3684. So you see, we finished nearly 400 ahead this year.

The race between Hartford and New York City finally swayed into Hartford's favor, and the last lap was a run-away, Hartford finishing with 302, New York with 227.

For weeks in February and March, Lynn and Providence were running a dead heat, with the score tied every night. Lynn finally managed to end up a scant 4 members ahead of Providence.

The chapters in the "100 or over" group — in the order of size: Boston 659, Hartford 302, New York 227, Lynn 215, Providence 211, New Haven 177, Worcester 171, Manchester, N. H. 103.

Of course, the figure for this coming year are all out of date by the time you receive this issue. They are coming in at a rate of about 40 a day average. LET 'EM COME!

CONVENTION GATHERING MOMENTUM

Please be advised that we have sufficient ads for our program to pay for the cost of printing and we haven't started yet. From now on we are looking for enough sugar to pay National Headquarters that small stipend we noted that we will owe.

Further on, you will find the program which at this writing our budget will permit. As and if the state and city come through before the copy for the Convention number is due, we certainly will have a few changes and you will receive due notice.

REGISTRATION IS STILL $2.00 UNTIL JUNE 1st THEN IT JUMPS TO $2.50. WE HAVE 250 REGISTERED AT THIS WRITING. USE BLANK PRINTED ON PAGE 39.

The back page of our program was sold for $250.00 today together with another full page at $100.00. The solicitation committee is doing a swell job.

You might give the boys a word about sending in their hotel reservations. Write William L. Sullivan, Box 1776, Hartford, Conn.

Tentative Program

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

Registrations All Day and Night

Y. D. V. A. Meeting.

4.30 P.M. Benefit Ball Game between Lowell Thomas and his "Nine Old Men" and prominent local men.

8.15 P.M. Gala Show at Bushnell Memorial Hall. Lowell Thomas as Master of Ceremonies; Heywood Broun as Speaker; Colonel Stoopnagle; Gene Tunney; Gene Sarazen and other other nationally prominent notables. Splendid entertainment. (Band concert for the public.)

All New England Governors have been invited.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

Registrations

Y. D. V. A. Meeting.

3.00 P.M. Dedication of YD garden and show at U. S. Veterans Hospital at Newington. Entertainment put on by Women's Service League who are the professional entertainers who entertained the YD and the A.E.F.

7.00 P.M. Horribles Parade — Please write the Convention Committee for entrance blanks. Prizes! (Band concert for the public.)

9.00 P.M. Military Ball - Foot Guard Armory.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

Registrations

Y. D. V. A. Meeting.

1.00 P.M. Parade beginning at one o'clock sharp.

Reunions — (far into the night.)

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

10.00 A.M. Memorial Service in Bushnell Park Shell conducted by our National Chaplain Rev. Father Temple.

Daily trips to Elizabeth Park to view the largest Rose Gardens in the United States.

We have added Governor Raymond A. Baldwin and Mayor Thomas J. Spellacy to Honorary Chairmen respectfully of the convention committee. Chairman Bourn presented each with their appointments and both accepted and will be on hand to give you Buddies a real welcome. With something in store for you in a soft ball game between Lowell Thomas's "Nine Old Men" and Colonel Michael A. Connor's All Stars, both teams including many celebrities, you're in for a treat. For Lowell takes his soft ball games more seriously than the team opposing the New York Yankees. Then that all-star show to be held at the Bushnell Memorial, horribles parade, band concerts, air-raid, military ball, a visit to the veterans hospital where an entertainment and band concert will be given the disabled veterans, a circus every day that week on the state armory grounds, open-houses, reunions, and that big parade on Saturday. A list of prizes will be listed in the next issue.

JUST TWO MONTHS AWAY. Have you registered? If not, do so right away.

News from Dave Swartz in Detroit that he has a few cars coming along. Well, Dave hasn't missed many of these conventions. And not to forget our old pals in Cleveland, New York and other distant points throughout New England.

A FOUR DAYS' CONVENTION, JUNE 22, 23, 24, 25. Headquarters BOND HOTEL.

List of Hotels printed in the February issue. REGISTRATION $2.00; with Harry T. Robertson, P.O. Box 1776. Andrew Riga, Chairman; and William T. E. Barber on the Program printing and designing are preparing a souvenir book that you will want to hold on to.

Cecil "Bush" Hedges working on a souvenir badge has a new one for you this time, it's — well let's wait and see.

— B. A. B.
— J. J. G.

THIS NUMBER

Ye Ed, doubling as recording secretary, membership card putter-outer, bookkeeper, visiting fireman to installations and the like, and editor of YANKEE DOINGS finds himself hard put to it to keep up with things in this hectic month of April. So if the usually impeccable grammar and rhetoric of this month's compilation of DOINGS of the YD (Ahem, ahem) is a bit frowsy around the edges, lay it to the fact that we've had to bang itout like a short-order cook, without too much attention to split infinitives and dangling participles.

Here she is — let 'er go!

INFORMATION SOUGHT

Anyone remembering injuries suffered or disability incurred by Clarence H. Whitehead (101st F. Sig. Bn.), who served mostly attached to the 104th Infantry, please communicate with him at R.F.D. No. 1, Tunnel, N. Y. He would particularly like the addresses of Sgt. Floyd Wilson, Roy Weigert and "a man named Roach."

A BLACK BALANCE AGAIN

There was an old saying, "Money makes the mare go." As we recall it, it didn't read, "Spending money makes the mare go," current hypotheses to the contrary notwithstanding. The whole thing of it is that we can talk membership, and we can talk activities, and loyalty, and YD spirit and everything else. But down underneath them all is the one fact that no organization can ever get away from. You've got to operate within your means, or you're sunk.

In these days when deficits are a thing to be laughed off (or passed on to posterity) — it is perhaps no small thing, even for a little organization whose figures run only in thousands instead of billions, to keep within a balance budget. But anyhow, the Y.D.V.A. has done it.

The fiscal year ended March 31. As soon as the last few bills payable are paid and the last few bills receivable are rendered; the auditors will get at the books, and they'll get at the absolute final figures. But right now, without waiting for the abracadabra of these erudite gentlemen, we can tell the world we made the grade.

Last year, on March 31, the Y.D.V.A. had a black balance of $298.00. So this year couldn't be called "in the black" unless we finished with at least that amount. We did. Furthermore, the year just ended saw an "abnormal" income of about $275.00 — the fag end of the drive for extra funds. So, it really couldn't be called "in the black" unless it ended THAT MUCH ahead of last year. It did!

So, your officers can look you in the eye and say, "We kept our promise that if we raised that $3000.00 a year ago last winter, we could run the organization for the year within its regular income."

Thanks for the accomplishment are due to (1) a National Treasurer who has insisted that every expenditure be made with an eye on the final outcome; (2) an increased membership for which the credit goes to the energy of the members themselves; (3) a reduced price for the printing of YANKEE DOINGS (the largest single factor in the expenses of the Association) for which we can thank the Washington Press and RAYMOND ROSSEEL; (4) the largest single Convention contribution to date — $890.00 from the Providence Convention; and (5) the effort on your Secretary's part to print all the news in DOINGS in the fewest possible words.

A sound concern is a going concern. And you'll find some of the biggest corporations in the country who only wish that they could have made as good a showing for their last fiscal year as the good old Y.D.V.A. has made.

The complete figures, from the auditor's report, will be printed in a future issue.

THE NATIONAL COMMANDER SAYS

It was most gratifying to close the fiscal year with a membership over the 4000 mark for the first time in history. This means that the objective of 5000 members is coming closer all the time.

Those chapters which have delayed action still have sufficient time to reach their allotted quotas before the Hartford Convention in June. A record of new members will be kept and added to the Chapter standings as of March 31, enabling the project to go forward without interruption right up to Convention time.

I cannot express too highly my appreciation of those chapters which have worked unceasingly until they have reached their quota, and also to those which have not — as yet — but have sincerely striven to do so. They are a challenge to every chapter which has failed to grasp the inspiration and enthusiasm which has been so prevalent throughout the Y.D.V.A. through the entire year.

I am particularly proud that my own chapter — Hartford — is the first chapter other than Boston, in the history of the Y.D.V.A. to have reached 300. The momentum gathered by that accomplishment has brought them quite a number of new members since March 31. In the case of Hartford, it was organized effort and the will to do that produced these results.

Can I look to those chapters which have the potentiality in their communities to put us over the top? The coming Convention should furnish an incentive to many new members, and the fact that those who sign up now get a full year of YANKEE DOINGS should also be a timely help.

I am interested in the race between Lynn and Providence. May I suggest a similar contest between Lowell and Springfield. And who is the volunteer who will corral enough of the thousands of YD'ers now roaming through that great state of Maine to really put the Pine Tree State

in the running?

Possibilities galore — everywhere! A plan and a few determined workers will put it over for your chapter. The Y.D.V.A. will appreciate your efforts. Let's Go.

— Ed Miller.

NATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

At a meeting held on March 11, the National Executive Committee appointed the following men to serve as the National Nominating Committee for this year; their duty to bring in the names of candidates for election to National office at the Hartford Convention.

For the Department of Maine — J. Fred Shaw (Lewiston Chapter); William Love (Farmington Chapter), (Alternate).

For the Department of New Hampshire — George M. French (Nashua Chapter); John Dunlap (Manchester Chapter), (Alternate).

For the Department of Vermont — John K. Fairbanks (Springfield Chapter); Arthur M. Foote (Rutland Chapter), (Alternate).

For the Department of Massachusetts — Past National Commander A. Raymond Doucette (Lynn Chapter), Chairman of Committee; John T. Sullivan (Lynn Chapter), (Alternate).

For the Department of Rhode Island — William Pettit (Providence Chapter); John R. Moran (Apremont Chapter), (Alternate).

For the Department of Connecticut — Past National Commander Albert W. Herman (Norwalk Chapter); William N. Salladin (Mont Sec Chapter), (Alternate).

For the Department of the United States — Benjamin Pitman (New York Chapter); Edward J. Nelson (New York Chapter), (Alternate).

The Committee will meet at National Headquarters, at the call of the Chairman, probably on either Sunday, April 23 or Sunday, April 30.

According to the Constitution, each member of the Nominating Committee is a free agent. He may or may not, as his conscience dictates, feel bound by any endorsement of any man which his Department may have passed. In only one case does the Constitution state anything at all about the choices to be made by the Nominating Committee. It says they shall be *guided* in their selection of candidates for Department Commanders by the choice of the Departments themselves.

It is the intent of your present national officers to support for election the candidates chosen by the Nominating Committee, each member of which acting upon his own free will without advance commitment. And it is the entreaty of your present officers that every member do the same. A member has the "right" to run independently. But it is the general feeling that to avail himself of that right indicates either one of two things: (1) that he mistrusts the fairness of the nominations; or (2) that he places his own desires ahead of the unity of purpose of the Association. This is written without any advance knowledge of who the candidates for the different offices will be as chosen by the Nominating Committee. Whoever they are; let's back 'em up and show faith in our Nominating Committee.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION OF Y.D.V.A.

Seems like we never CAN get our Constitution into final form. Here we've just gone and had 1000 copies printed; and now there's talk of further amendments. In the official "Call" for the Convention, to be printed in the May and June numbers, the official wording of the proposed amendments will be given. For now, we'll just tell you in general terms what they are, and what they're about.

They are (thus far) three in number. Two of the three have received the endorsement of the National Executive Committee. The third was tabled for further study. A proposed amendment does not HAVE to be approved by the Executive Committee, but may go to the Convention either with or without its approval.

The first proposed amendment originated with Salem Chapter, was approved by the Department of Massachusetts, and later by the National Executive Committee. If adopted by the Convention, it will give Chapters the right to elect Honorary and Associate members, subject to the approval of the names by the National Executive Committee. The Honorary or Associate members thus elected will be Honorary or Associate members of THE CHAPTER ONLY.

The second proposed amendment originated with Boston Chapter, and was approved by the

National Executive Committee. If adopted by the Convention it will clarify the status of Chapter members who live in one city but belong to a chapter in another city. In order to do this — according to the proposed amendment, a man must either (1) obtain the permission of the chapter where he lives; or (2) have been a member of another chapter within at most two years before one was formed in his own town; or (3) establish the fact that he has changed his address from one chapter area to another.

The third proposed amendment originated in the Department of Connecticut, was tabled for further study by the National Executive Committee. If adopted it will change the fiscal year of the Association from April 1 to some other date — not yet decided upon. In no case will a member be assessed any additional dues. The change, if made, will be made on a pro rata basis of a fraction of a year. The advantages are many, as now a National Commander works all Fall and Winter to build his membership to a peak on March 31, only to see it drop off again and have to start all over again to build it to another peak in the three short months to Convention time.

The text of these proposed amendments will be printed before Convention time.

GENERAL EDWARDS GRAVE TO BE MARKED

A letter received by General Cole from Col. John W. Hyatt, executor of the estate of General Edwards, states that he (Col. Hyatt) is liquidating sufficient of the securities held by the estate to finance and erect a suitable monument on the General's grave.

This action removes from the YD Veterans Association the necessity of raising such a fund itself. The letter of permission from the Secretary of War for the Y.D.V.A. to erect such a monument is still good however, and unless reasonably prompt action is forthcoming, will unquestionably be followed through.

In the meantime, the command is "Mark Time."

MEETING OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The National Executive Committee met in Boston on Saturday, March 11, with 17 voting members present, including three Past National Commanders, Gen. Charles H. Cole, Leonard J. Maloney, and A. Raymond Doucette. Exclusive of Department Commanders, seven other National Officers and one National Executive Committeeman were present; two Department Commanders and four Chapter Commanders. In all, four Departments were represented.

The appointment of the Nominating Committee and Auditing Committee are reported elsewhere; also the proposed amendments to the Constitution.

Other business transacted, outside of routine officers' reports and department and committee reports, was essentially as follows:

A discussion was held, instigated by the National Secretary, on the advisability of establishing a long-time policy, by the precedent already followed in bringing the claims of "combat" veterans to the fore, in the resolution favoring pensions to the widows and orphans of deceased "combat" veterans without the necessity of proving service-connected disability at time of death. (A bill embodying this resolution has been introduced in Congress by Congressman Shanley of Connecticut.) The point made by the Secretary was that much as we may feel that the combat veteran deserves priority in benefits; more might be lost than gained if an organization the size of ours went off on a tangent not in accord with the announced objectives of the larger organizations. Working WITH them we may get places; working AGAINST them, we're stuck at the post; and their objectives are aimed at benefits for larger and more inclusive groups. The upshot of the discussion was that letters should be written to the legislative agents of these larger organizations, asking their stand on the Shanley resolution, and pledging co-operation with ALL veterans.

A letter was read from the Central Office of the U. S. Veterans Administration declining recognition to the Y.D.V.A. as an organization to present veterans' claims, on the grounds that it was not a national organization, having less than 600 members outside of New England. A subsequent re-opening of the question (after this meeting) pointing out that certain LOCAL or-

ganizations had been granted such recognition resulted in a similar refusal, on the grounds that those organizations were recognized before certain current regulations went into effect.

A decision of some year or two ago to incorporate the Y.D.V.A. under the corporation laws of Massachusetts, but upon which nothing has been done, was brought up again, and National Judge Advocate HAROLD J. SMITH was instructed to do whatever necessary to carry out the incorporation.

Other minor pieces of business were transacted.

CONNECTICUT STATE MEMORIAL TO GEN. EDWARDS

(See last month's cover)

The Connecticut YD's dream of a memorial to "DADDY" EDWARDS seems a mite nearer realization as the result of splendid support given by YD men and other veterans recently when the $40,000 appropriation bill was up for hearing before the joint legislative committee on military affairs. Several hundred appeared in support of the measure and one lone voice was raised in opposition. A misinformed legislator from Ashford seemed to think enactment of our bill would close the schools. (By such is America governed.)

Headed by National Commander EDGAR F. MILLER, about 40 of the faithful appeared at the State House. Col. MICHAEL CONNOR (who squelched the bird from Ashford with his characteristic finesse); JOE KOLINSKY, State Commander of the D. A. V. and Commander of Middletown Chapter; Representative Bill Thornton (sponsor of the bill), Senator Claude Mills, Judge VINE PARMELEE and a number of legislators spoke for the measure. Past National Commander LEN MALONEY, as Chairman of the General Edwards Memorial Commission, was in charge of the proceedings.

The Hartford Convention Committee's bill for a $5,000 appropriation was also given hearing and was accorded the same sort of support. The Military Affairs Committee has since reported favorably on both bills and will go to the Committee on Appropriations for final hearing.

Noticed in the Hall of the House and registering for our bills were BEN BOURN, HARRY ROBERTSON, GARDINER HALL, BILL THOMPSON, RAY KINCAID, TONY TELESCA, RAY FROST, JACK COSTELLO, GENE LENZI, MARTY HERLACK, SAM MARCUS, FRED HUMMEL, GARDNER WELD. The Bridgeport Ladies' Auxiliary made a swell showing. ANDY JOHNSON (Valley Chapter) is a member of the Military Affairs Committee. (Our ace in the hole.)

A YD FATHER'S THOUGHTS

The following letter was printed in the Boston *Herald*. It was written by a member of Boston Chapter. YANKEE DOINGS takes the liberty to reprint it:

I stood alone on the hillside at the Cote du Poivre. To the southwest lay the city of Verdun. The guns of war had yielded to a negotiated armistice. A long struggle seemed ended. The anticipation of life in peace and at home could be contemplated again.

A prayer of thanksgiving and relief welled from deep within me, but it was a troubled prayer. Should I give thanks if now I were to go home and have a son who would have to return to the battlefield to complete the task that seemed finished? Would it not be better for me to remain then and be sure? The answer was not in my hands.

That son is here now. He is taller than I, and bigger, too. Far away, Hitler threatens every known root of democratic civilization. The isolationists and some others raise the cry that we must not become involved. But as the proclaimed and admittedly most powerful nation on earth, can we escape with self-respect and self-preservation? Can we say to Hitler: "You may seize the entire world without intervention from us, except that part which is ours and after your seizure we know you will not use your ill-gotten resources to injure us." Of course we can say that, but we cannot do so and hold out promise to our young or to posterity.

The lad I dreamed of and the lad who is and I are surprisingly alike in our thought. May we be spared that duty implied. But of vaster and deeper importance may emotion and short-sightedness not stay our country's hand in the vital obligation of helping to curb and quell Hitler or his cohorts.

We are only two, however. Life as we under-

stand it is a trust, to be expended and nurtured as much for the benefit of posterity as for those now in being.

— JUDSON HANNIGAN.

NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICER'S BULLETIN

By Frank W. Coppinger

Bulletin No. 8 in Instructions of Benefits to Be Obtained through Government Agencies

Social Security Act

The Social Security Act was approved Aug. 14, 1935. Provisions of the act allow for a number of distinct, though related activities. These are grouped in the following agencies and departments:

Social Security Board —
- Bureau of Public Assistance
  - Old-Age Assistance
  - Aid to Dependent Children
  - Aid to Blind.
- Bueau of Unemployment Compensation
- Bureau of Federal Old-Age Insurance

Department of the Treasury
- Public Health Service

Department of Labor
- The Children's Bureau
  - Services for Crippled Children
  - Child Welfare
  - Maternal and Child Health

Department of the Interior
- Office of Education
  - Vocational Rehabilitation of disabled persons

Social Security Board

The Social Security Act set up two systems for aiding the aged. (1) Old-Age Assistance is designed to give immediate assistance to aged individuals on the basis of need. Under this program, the SSB matches State contributions dollar for dollar up to $15 per month per individual of 65 years of age or over. Payments made to 47 States, the District of Columbia, Hawaii and Alaska from February 1, 1936 through June 30, 1938, amounted to $326,668,428. Virginia has recently passed old-age assistance legislation which has not as yet been approved by the Social Security Board. At the end of June, 1938, 1,699,000 aged persons were receiving assistance from combined Federal and State sources. (2) Old-Age Insurance is designed to provide annuities to persons over the age of 65 years. The annuity is to be based upon the individual's wage experience. All persons at the age of 65, (7 types of workers are excluded under the act), if qualified, and who have received cumulative wages totalling not less than $2,000 during a minimum period of 5 different calendar years after December 31, 1936, will receive annuities. The first monthly payments will begin in 1942. Benefits will not be paid as long as a person is regularly employed after the age of 65. The sum of an individual's monthly payment will be conditioned as follows:

Find the total of wages received from December 31, 1936 to the age of 65, contingent upon above mentioned conditions. To arrive at annuity, take one-half of one percent of the first $3000, one-twelfth of one percent of the remainder up to $45,000, and one-twenty-fourth of one percent of all over $45,000 up to a total that will provide a monthly payment of $85,000, the highest payment that will be made. Lump-sum payments equal to three and one-half percent of the total wages will be made to individuals who have not earned the prescribed amount or who have not worked for the minimum period. Similarly, payments after death will be made to an individual's estate equal to three and one-half percent of all wages. If death occurs after annuity payments have begun, a payment will be made to the estate equal to the difference between actual annuity payments and a total of three and one-half percent of all wages received during the prescribed time. The money for payment of the Old-Age Insurance annuities is appropriated by the Treasury under yearly authorizations of Congress, and such appropriations are set up by the Treasury in an "Old-Age Reserve Account." Payments therefrom are made upon certification by the Social Security Board. The total of applications for social security accounts numbers at the end of June, 1938, was 39,565,157.

The SSB is directed by the act to make available to States having approved plans for furnishing financial assistance to needy dependent children an amount equal to one-third of the combined Federal-State sums expended by the States under such an approved plan, except that the Federal share is not to be in excess of $6 a month for the first child and $4 a month for each additional child in any one family. The

sum of $41,796,204 has been paid out to 38 states, the District of Columbia and Hawaii from February 1, 1936 through June 30, 1938 for such aid. There are 9 additional States in which payments are made for aid to dependent children without Federal participation. At the end of June, 1938, 602,000 dependent children in 243,000 families were receiving aid from combined Federal and State sources.

The SSB is directed by the act to make available to States having approved plans for furnishing financial assistance to the needy blind an amount equal to the total sum expended by the States up to a maximum of $15 a month for each individual. As in the case of grants for Old-Age Assistance, an additional sum of five percent of its main grant is paid to the State for administrative purposes. The sum of $10,849,882 has been paid out to 37 States, the District of Columbia and Hawaii from February 1, 1936 through June 30, 1938 for such aid. Connecticut has a plan for aid to the blind approval by the SSB but has not requested Federal funds since July 1, 1936. In addition there are 5 States which provide aid to the blind without Federal assistance. At the end of June, 1938, 39,200 blind persons were receiving aid from combined Federal and State sources.

The Social Security Act does not establish a Federal unemployment compensation system. The States are invited to enact laws for the compensation of their unemployed. Once a State has passed an Unemployment Compensation Law that is approved by the SSB, the Social Security Act permits the Federal Government to cooperate with the States in two ways: (1) by allowing employers of 8 or more making contributions to the State unemployment compensation fund a credit up to a maximum of 90 percent against the payroll tax levied on such employers under Title IX of the Social Security Act; and (2) by making Federal grants to cover the cost of administering the unemployment laws which have been approved by the SSB. For the period of February 1, 1936 through June 1, 1938 the SSB made payments of more than $139,000,000 to 25 States and the District of Columbia. Plans have been approved for the remaining States and by July 1939, all States will have begun payments. The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to receive and hold in a special "Unemployment Compensation Fund" all moneys deposited therein by a State agency from a State unemployment compensation fund. Payments are made from this fund to any State agency making a requisition for use as unemployment compensation payments, not exceeding, however, the amount standing to the credit of such State agency in the special fund of the Treasury. The term "employment" as used in this section of the act excludes those engaged in agricultural labor; domestic services; service as an officer or crew member on a vessel operating in the navigable waters of the United States; family services; governmental employees; and social, charitable, scientific, literary, educational, and religious non-profit organization employees. The SSB estimates that approximately 18,000,000 employees will have unemployment compensation protection when the approved plans become operative in every State. State laws vary as to the requirements for receiving unemployment compensation. Claims for unemployment compensation benefits must be registered in the State offices of the United States Employment Service. As of June 30, 1938 the SSB has made payments totalling $51,982,272 to the 25 States and the District of Columbia for the administration of the Unemployment Compensation program.

(To be Continued)

NEWS PARAGRAPHS FROM HERE AND THERE

Frederick A. Stokes Co., publishers, announce the publication of "Guns of Burgoyne" by Bruce Lancaster, a member of New York Chapter, Y.D.V.A. Of it Gertrude Atherton says: "A stunning book. I feel sure it will sweep the country."

Hudson R. "Boz" Hawley, member of New York Chapter, and the "artist's model" for Wally's "Saluting Demon", has been appointed news editor of the International Division of the National Broadcasting Co.

Edward E. Schuerer, 43, former mess sergeant of Co. I, 102nd Infantry, a resident of Plantsville, Conn., and a member of Meriden Chapter, YDVA, took his own life on March 27th. Comrade Schuerer's sight had been failing for some time but he kept postponing his admittance to a veterans' hospital. The deceased was in the wholesale meat business for many years. Funeral services were conducted at the grave by Meriden Post 45, A. L., with Captain John R. Feegel acting as Chaplain. Honorary

pall bearers, fourteen in number, represented the Y.D.V.A., the American Legion and I Co., 102nd Infantry. Firing squad and bugler were provided by A Co., 169th Inf., C.N.G.

MILTON MAXFIELD, of Branford, Conn., who served with Company L. 1st Connecticut Infantry on the Mexican Border in 1916, and who was with Co. M, 102nd Infantry for a short time, died on March 24. MAXFIELD did not go oversees with the YD.

Funeral services were under the auspices of Corcoran-Sundquist Post of the American Legion. EDWARD POULTON, of New Haven Chapter, YDVA, was a pall bearer.

TESTIMONIAL DINNER GIVEN TO P.N.C. RAY DOUCETTE

It was a gay time, mates; March 11 at the Edison Hotel in Lynn. Darned if your reporter can remember exactly how many were there. We ought to as we were the fellas to settle with the hotel for the dinners, but it was around 100.

LEN MALONEY acted as toastmaster, and a grand one, too. ED MILLER was on hand with his sergeant-at-arms, HARRY ROBERTSON; the Department Commanders of New Hampshire and Mass. — GENE DUGAS and TED NOYES. FRED SHAW was down from Lewiston, Maine; and Rhode Island was represented by JERRY O'LEARY and three or four others with him. Nearly all the Chapters in Massachusetts were represented, Lynn naturally turning out the biggest crowd.

Speakers told in terms of sincerity how much they thought of RAY and his years of plugging for the YD. "Knocko" MCCORMACK told a score of stories which made us all glad it was a stag party and that the waitresses had retired.

The high spot of the evening was the presentation of a five-piece silver service to the guest of honor, a really beautiful gift.

Best news of all is that the party came out "in the black" to the tune of about $18.00, which was also sent along to RAY as a little "dividend" left in the kitty.

Yours for more and bigger and better and frequenter parties like this.

— P. N. S.

GENERAL EDWARDS MEMORIAL APRIL 20, 1939

To Be Held at Fordham University, New York

Exercises will start promptly at 4:00 P.M.

Dinner will be served immediately after the exercises.

If you are driving, please go directly to Fordham University, Fordham Road, New York City.

If you are coming by train, may we suggest you arrange to take the 2:54 P.M. train out of Grand Central? This train is on the Lower Level and arrives at Fordham Station (which is the entrance to Fordham University) at 3:16 P.M.

We ask you to report to Dr. Arthur G. Buehler, Chairman of the Reception Committee, who will be stationed at the Memorial. In as much as we anticipate a great many at the Dedication, we suggest your reporting to Dr. Buehler immediately upon arrival to prevent any delay.

Cordially yours,

— H. W. WASHBURN, JR.
Secretary.

THE PLEASURE IS OURS — MADAM

Don't know as we ought to print this, but it struck us as "cute," that's the only word we can think of. Oh these newlyweds! Last month's editorial article was written by LEON F. DENIS (104th Inf.). Mrs. Denis writes: "Pardon my boldness, but was *thrilled* to see my hubby's article in current number of YANKEE DOINGS. Three cheers for you, your magazine, and 'my man'."

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DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

National Commander: Edgar F. Miller, 44 Beverly Rd., W. Hartford, Conn.
National Secretary: Philip N. Sanborn, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

Dep't. Commander: Raymond O. Torrey, 104 Royal Rd., Bangor, Me.

FARMINGTON

"Franklin County Chapter"
Commander: Gilbert Miller
16 Pleasant St., Farmington, Me.
Secretary: Rex W. Parsons
Box 684, Farmington, Me.

I am presenting a condensed account of this Chapter's activities for December 1938, January, February and March, 1939.

In December — I don't remember the exact date not being able to attend — a small group of members met at the home of Rex Parsons. Following a brief business meeting with Commander Miller in the chair, stories were told and light refreshments served by Mrs. Parsons.

On the evening of January 3, a group of 10 members met at the Mt. Abram House in Kingsfield for one of those delicious steak suppers for which the hotel is famous. Dan Pratt and Lee Millett were the principal entertainers. Lee has some saltpeter-cured bacon and ham he would like to dispose of. A committee was appointed to consider putting on a Beano party; if decided upon, the proceeds to go to Franklin County Council, A. L. toward the purchase of an inhalator. Gil Miller says we must be getting old — not a drop of liquor in sight. The boys from Strong were on hand 100% and invited us to hold our next meeting in Strong.

On February 7, a group of nine met at the Foster Memorial Bldg. in Strong where lunch was served by the boys from that town. It was decided to change the regular meeting night from the third Thursday to *the Friday night nearest the new moon.* (New York Chapter, please note. — Ed.) Stories and reminiscenses of the days when we could take it were told. And *still* not a drop of liquor in evidence.

On the evening of March 17, nine members met at the home of Commander Gil Miller. It was tentatively decided to hold the Annual Meeting at Parker Springs dining room on the Wilton Road on April 21. The usual gabfest, and delicious refreshments served by Mrs. Miller. Gil had a fine chance to demonstrate the new vacuum cleaner he had just bought. We think he tipped over the ash tray on purpose.

Will send in the list of new officers directly after the next meeting, and dues will be coming right along.

— Rex Parsons.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY CHAPTER

Commander: Hazen O. Hagar
285 Ray St., Portland
Secretary: Leon E. Hall
549 Cumberland Ave., Portland

Officers? Shure we got sum. The officers of the new-formed Cumberland County Chapter, Y.D.V.A. are as follows:

Hazen Hagar will wield the mallet and do his best to keep Vic Erickson quiet. James Cunningham, who knows something about vice, will act as 1st Vice Commander, Leon E. Hall will keep the records, we hope. Harold Rutter will collect the dues and forget the bills; "Top" Tyler will say a prayer once in a while, just think of a Top Sgt. praying, while the Council of Ten, otherwise the Ex. Comm. will have five members. Edmund Rich, Elton Walker, John Hill, and Victor Erickson, soon as we get some more members we will name another.

Bernard Osgood is feeling aged. At this writing he is a month old Grandfather. On top of that he is the 1st Vice Comm. of the Andrews Post, A. L., and on several important committees.

We hear that Bud Worthen is on the Police force at Togus along with Percy Witham and several other YDers that we don't know the names of.

Dick Moxcey is in the hospital at Togus and is in not so good health.

We are glad to report that Warren King is in much better health. As a snow shoveler he did a good job on his side-walks this winter.

Cecil Burns (F Co., 103rd Inf.) is a decorator and float builder in Sanford, Maine.

Elton Walker does not care any thing about Babe Ruth, but he is much interested in Baby

Ruth, so are we for that matter. ELTON will be glad to tell you of the growth of the baby any time.

Earl H. Tidd, a member of the 103rd Inf. died in the Maine General Hospital a short time ago. He was buried in Porter, Maine, the afternoon of the 18th of March, according to our information.

The Cumberland County Chapter will hold its meetings at the club rooms of the Cumberland County Fish and Game Asso. on Maine Avenue and will — so far as possible — meet on the second Thursday of each month.

Guess I have said enough, am going home and get filled up on clam chowder, *without tomatoes.*

— MINNIE-LA-TOUR.

LEWISTON - AUBURN
"Androscoggin Valley Chapter"
Commander: Joseph J. Cychol
145 Lake Street, Auburn, Maine
Secretary: William E. Roach
120½ College St., Lewiston, Maine

The party on March 2 at the home of ELLIOTT HALE in Lisbon Falls was, as always, a sure-fire success. Guess all the native YD'ers were there when our gang of about a dozen drove in. Also found awaiting us Capt. JOHN HEALY and Mrs. Healy of Augusta. The skipper of old E Co., 103rd Infantry is now chief of the state highway police department. He gave us an interesting talk on the history, present set-up and the needs of his department. Everyone present enjoyed looking over ELLIOTT's fine collection of souvenirs, photo albums and scrap-books. Mrs. Hale with her three fine sons, and Mrs. Healy put on a tasty oyster stew supper after which we fought the war over again, and broke away in the small hours for the trip home.

President NORM THOMAS of our L and A indoor baseball league called a meeting for March 31 of the managers of the nine teams and arrangements were made for the playing off of all postponed games; the date for the annual banquet was set for Thursday, April 27. NORM also announced that our YD Chapter was putting up a trophy to be known as the Gen. CLARENCE R. EDWARDS cup, to go to the winner of the league race this year and be held by them until the finish of the season next year, and so on to the winner each year.

We understand that FRED SHAW is working to interest the powers that be in Augusta to have a suitable memorial to "Daddy" EDWARDS somewhere in the central part of the state. More on this later.

— W. E. R.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dep't. Commander: Eugene Dugas, 72 Elm St., Manchester, N. H.
Dep't. Secretary: Walter J. Boardman, 29 Manning St., Manchester, N. H.

The regular monthly meeting of N. H. Dep't., Y.D.V.A., was held at Concord, Sunday, March 19, State Commander EUGENE DUGAS presiding. Chapters represented: Triangle 2, Franklin 1, Concord 6, Nashua 11, Manchester 9, total 29.

Each Chapter in reporting, stated prospects good for increasing membership during coming year.

The N. H. Dep't. is to sponsor a big summer family picnic and field day. Plans are already under way, and a committee consisting of the following appointed with full power to choose date and place: Commander THORDIKE of Concord, Chairman; HOLBRAU of Manchester, McDERMOTT of Triangle, DODGE of Franklin, and Mc NULTY of Nashua.

Plans are underway for the election and installation of officers of the N. H. Dep't. at the April meeting, on Sunday, April 16. I received a swell letter this A. M. from MITCHELL of L. A. Chapter, in regards to Mrs. Hogan. It'll keep till I see you, but what I think of him will not, he's real, a big person. So until April 16 — at Manchester. Will be seeing you.

— W. J. B.

In addition to the above report, several letters during the month from GENE DUGAS report the amazing amount of activity he is still putting into his job. At the March state meeting, he distributed due bills to all Chapters; and offered a $5.00 prize to the chapter having the largest paid-up membership on April 16 on the occasion of the State Meeting and Election of Officers at Manchester. The letter is not dated, but part of it reads: Manchester is holding a special meeting tonight, I will be in Nashua for nomination of officers tomorrow night, going to install officers in Concord, March 31 and Franklin, April 5. Every chapter will be under a new set of officers by the fifth of April. I hope to have 250 paid up by the 16th; and if we do, I feel sure we will have 350 by Convention time."

A later letter tells that he has personally written a post card to every member of the Keene Chapter, telling that he will be glad to go to Keene on April 2, and help them get the ball rolling again. Men who have been members-at-large in the state have been checked over, and quite a number of them assigned to the chapter areas for contact in collection of dues.

The Annual Meeting of the State Department on April 16 should be the largest in the Department's history. Every member in the state has been individually notified by mail. Several of the National officers expect to be present, including P.N.C. RAY DOUCETTE and Secretary PHIL SANBORN. The National Commander has to leave Hartford the next morning for Washing, D. C., and deeply regrets that he cannot be present this time.

MANCHESTER
Commander: Martin P. Holleran
46 Elm Ave., Manchester
Secretary: Walter J. Boardman
29 Manning St., Manchester

Manchester Chapter held its regular monthly meeting Wednesday evening, March 8, and held its annual election and installation of officers. The Chapter elected the slate presented by the nominating committee composed of comrades JACK DUNLAP, GEORGE WINGATE and JOE A. DONNELLY. EUGENE DUGAS, State Commander, assisted by Sgt.-at-Arms FORREST J. DRURY, conducted the installation.

More than 50 put in an appearance, which gives encouragement to the officers. The Chapter voted to invite the State Department to hold the April meeting here in Manchester, and invite the National Officers to install the State Department Officers.

Getting back to the March 8 meeting, the Navy recruiting officer here put on a show for us. Movies of Navy life. The boys enjoyed it no end. Dr. DRURY and "Tee-Totaler" JACK TAYLOR of Derry entertained us with stories, good and bad. A fine luncheon after the movies was enjoyed, coffee, sandwiches, beer, etc. The committee consisted of the retiring officers.

All up for the "Scotsman" now fellows and let's increase our Chapter membership.

The new officers are: Commander, MARTIN P. HOLLERAN; Sr. Vice Comm., JOHN BLIDBERG; Jr. Vice Comm., JOSEPH A. DONNELLY; Secretary, WALTER J. BOARDMAN; Treasurer, ARCHIE VIGNEAULT; Chaplain, WALTER B. SMITH; Sgt.-at-Arms, ELI MONTMINY; Trustee, 3 yrs., EUGENE DUGAS.

Last month ARTHUR GILMORE was listed as Sr. V. Commander. He insisted he be allowed to withdraw for personal reasons. He is one of our most loyal members and never misses a meeting.

— W. J. B.

NASHUA
Commander: Howard M. March
3 Pine Hill Ave., Nashua, N. H.
Secretary: Hector Pontbriand,
11 Nevada St., Nashua, N. H.

At our meeting on March 21, the Chapter was honored by a visit from our live-wire State Commander. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

Commander, HOWARD M. MARCH; Sr. V.C., JOHN P. DIGGINS; Jr. V.C., WILLIAM J. MCNULTY; Treasurer, ALBERT C. POULIN; Secretary, HECTOR PONTBRIAND; Chaplain, ALFRED L. D. GUSTAFSON; Sgt.-at-Arms, WILLIAM A. SAVAGE; Trustees, EDWARD LEBLANC, ELIOT A. CARTER, Commander HOWARD M. MARCH.

Installation will be held on April 11 at the Veterans Home. We are now bent on bettering the record of activities and doings of the past administration as the comrades have the spirit and intend to keep going. Plans are in the making to take the entire membership to the National Convention and take along a band of our own. Watch our registration in the next few weeks.

— W. J. McN.

CONCORD
Commander: Leon N. Magee
61 Penacook St., Concord, N. H.
Secretary: George Thorndike
68 So. Main St., Penacook, N. H.

From now on Concord will be on the map; the past year has been a build-up year, but the new year will see us prospering both in membership and activity. We are all real YD men and all we need is an active chapter.

On March 31, State Commander GENE DUGAS assisted by Dr. FORREST DRURY as Sgt.-at-Arms, installed the following officers:

Commander, LEON N. MAGEE; Sr. V.C., GEORGE DUPONT; Jr. V.C., RALPH SCOTT; Treasurer, EUGENE GEBO; Secretary, GEORGE THORNDIKE; Chaplain, NELSON LECLAIR; Sgt.-at-Arms, LEO MINER; Trustee for three years, GEORGE FEDOR.

The following committee of three was appointed to join with like committees from the other four veterans organizations in the city, as a Memorial Day Committee: LEO MINER, RALPH

SCOTT, GEORGE THORNDIKE.

We had as guest speakers John Cantin, Commander of Concord Post 1631, V.F.W.; ARTHUR MILLER, Jr. V.C. of Penacook Post, A. L.

About 75 YD men and their wives were present at the installation.

More news in the future as I get used to my new job.

— GEORGE THORNDIKE,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

Dep't. Commander: Arthur W. Smith, 34 No. Main St., Springfield, Vt.

BRATTLEBORO

Commander: William Cudworth
R.F.D., No. 1, Brattleboro, Vt.
Secretary: Lyman Barrett
Box 143, Hinsdale, N. H.

Members of the local chapter and their wives, numbering 50 in all, enjoyed a fine supper prepared by FRED HEAP, assisted by other members. After the dinner, we held our election of officers with the following result:

Commander, WILLIAM CUDWORTH; 1st V.C., JOHN BLAKE; 2nd V.C., LEON BARNES; Treasurer, HOWARD THAYER; Secretary, LYMAN BARRETT; Chaplain, GEORGE WILLARD; Sgt.-at-Arms, MARTIN WHALEN; Historian, NICHOLAS SCHULTZ; Service Officer, JOHN MADDEN; Executive Board, JOSEPH FLEMING, CHARLES CADETT, FRED HEAP.

Following the election and business session, dancing was enjoyed by all.

— L. B.

MONTPELIER-BARRE

"Washington County Chapter"
Commander: Abiel M. Smith
30 Bailey Ave., Montpelier
Secretary: Ralph A. Lawliss
51 Elm St., Barre

As usual, DOINGS will have to piece together the news from Washington County Chapter from bulletin notices of meetings, letters from JOE ABAIR — parts of which are marked "Keep under your hat," other parts of which are personal, and still others for publication. But he's a great Joe, just the same. Now, let's see:

An advance notice sent to members states that a meeting was to be held on Wednesday, March 31, at the Barre Legion Rooms. Appended thereto is the following footnote: "Realizing things are tough, no lunch, no expense, all we ask of you is to show up."

Now, turning to Joe's letter; it seems one of the important things to be discussed at this meeting was a plan originating in his agile brain for selling books of tickets on a chance for two round-trip tickets to the New York World's Fair. Each book has five tickets, Joe's plan is to have the fellows sell four of the tickets for 25 cents each, turn in one buck, of which 25 cents will go to the seller, who will also retain the extra ticket for his own chance in the drawing. He hopes to sell $500.00 worth of books — and knowing Joe, we think he is modest in the sum mentioned.

There are other ramifications to the plan, but they are too complicated for your reporter to fathom — having to do with making possible trips to the Hartford Convention and whatnot. We'll watch and see how it all comes out. Talk about your Yankee hoss traders!

A clipping tells a little more of the presentation of an American flag which the Chapter made to Kinstead Home in Montpelier, a home for orphaned children. The presentation was made on last February 28, by State Senator Mortimer R. Proctor and received for the home by Commissioner of Public Welfare Timothy C. Dale. Rev. Frank Knapp presided at the flag dedication exercises. Commander JOE ABAIR recounted to the youngsters something of the history of the Yankee Division, and V.C. ABE SMITH entertained with songs and piano selections.

A personal item from Joe relates that ENOCH LYMAN (D Co., 101st Engrs.) until recently armorer of the Cadet Armory in Boston, who with his wife has recently become a resident of Montpelier, no sooner got there than he was taken down with flu and spent some little time in the Heaton Hospital. Joe took him a carton of cigarettes only to find he doesn't smoke — but it showed the YD spirit just the same.

— J. A.

RUTLAND

Commander: Arthur M. Foote,
Box 155, Center Rutland
Secretary: Raymond E. Collins
186 State St., Rutland

Election of officers will be held on April 13.

The National Commander and National Secretary have agreed to make their annual visit to the Chapter on the occasion of installation — May 11.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Dep't. Commander: Edwin J. Noyes 2 Walnut St., Worcester, Mass.
Dep't. Secretary: H. Guy Watts, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

Annual Department Meeting
Salem — April 2

The Annual Meeting of the Department of Massachusetts was held in the State Armory, Salem, Mass., on Sunday, April 2 with Commander NOYES in the Chair and all Department officers present. Total attendance 196, the largest ever reached in the Department. Boston Chapter which was represented at New Bedford the preceding month with 2, showed up to the tune of 87 members.

No words of YANKEE DOINGS could be too strong in commendation of the Department Commander for splendidly conducting a difficult meeting.

Although it came last, we'll give it to you first, the result of the election of officers:

For Department Commander:*
- AUSTIN F. APPLEBY (Boston) 153
- EMILE J. THIBAULT (Salem) 38

For Department Vice Commander:
- HARVEY BISHOP (Danvers) 63
- WILLIAM W. DRESNER (New Bedford) 20
- JOHN T. SULLIVAN (Lynn) 104

For Department Treasurer:
- ARTHUR P. SHEA (Fitchburg) Uncontested

For Department Secretary:
- DENNIS BRUNTON (Springfield) 107
- WALTER N. SMITH (Lynn) 78
  (N.B. SMITH asked to withdraw but received a vote of 78.)

For Department Chaplain:
- EDWARD C. MALEY (Springfield) 114
- WILLIAM MCCORMIC (Haverhill) 31
- JOHN B. DWYER (Haverhill) 30
  (N.B. MCCORMIC withdrew but received a vote of 31.)

For Department Historian:
- THOMAS F. CROKAN (Springfield) 75
- GEORGE B. MERRILL (Lynn) 117

For Department Judge-Advocate:
- P.N.C. A. RAYMOND DOUCETTE (Lynn) 140
- FRANK L. SMITH (Beverly) 40

For Department Service Officer:
- JOHN B. DWYER (Haverhill) 11
- ERNEST C. PARENT (Worcester) 42
- H. GUY WATTS (Boston) 135
  (N.B. DWYER withdrew but received 11 votes.)

* Strictly speaking the Department does not "elect" the Department Commander; but the name of the man chosen goes to the Nominating Committee as a recommendation. The Nominating Committee places it before the Annual Convention, as the Department Commander is a National officer — the National V.C. for his Department.

In each case, the man with the greatest number of votes was declared elected. These officers do not take office until the adjournment of the National Convention in June. The ballotting committee consisted of: CLYDE O. ELLIOTT (Worcester) Chairman; ROYAL K. HAYES (Lowell); SAMUEL O. PICARD (New Bedford); LEANDER H. CASWELL (Haverhill); THOMAS BANNON (Salem); MILFORD W. HAMELIN (Marlboro); and ALBERT W. THOMSON (Boston).

Following the announcement of the result, EMILE THIBAULT moved that the election of APPLEBY be made unanimous, which was voted amidst cheers for his good sportsmanship.

A lot of other interesting business took place. It was good too see our old pal, ROYAL K. HAYES on hand, this time as the new Commander of a revived and resuscitated Lowell Chapter — and he had two others with him. His ballyhoo announcement of the Annual Banquet in Lowell on April 22 would have left the late what's-his-name (for years Barnum and Bailey's press agent) speechless. It was a masterpiece. New Bedford, Milford and Springfield were on hand despite the terrible weather.

A guest of the meeting was Hon. Lawrence Quigley, Commandant of the Massachusetts Soldiers Home at Chelsea; and did HE put over a speech! DOINGS hasn't the space to reprint it, not even 1% of it. But when he got through telling the boys about the treatment given criminals, murderers, aliens and others, the departments and bureaus to aid them, the ice cream they get and a few other things; and then contrasted the cramped facilities for veterans' hospitalization, and the Governor's recent suggestion to the Legislature that the Soldiers Home and Hospital be abolished; he had 'em all sitting up and taking notice. It was voted to distribute to each chapter copies of a petition to the members of the legislature, demanding that no such actually *cruel* move be made. It was also voted to ask the legislative lobbies of the large veterans organizations in Washington to appear before the House Military Affairs Committee on

April 5, in support of a bill proposed by Cong. John W. McCormack of Mass. which would increase the federal allotment to 29 State operated soldiers' homes in the country to $365.00 per patient per year.

A resolution was unanimously adopted urging the appointment of attorney JAMES A. CRESSWELL of the Boston Chapter to the position of Deputy U. S. Marshal for the District of Massachusetts.

RAY DOUCETTE called for a big showing at the hearing before the Massachusetts Ways and Means Committee in support of the bill which will grant chapters of the YD the same privileges as posts of other veteran organizations.

This report is written from memory, and if any important piece of business has been omitted, we regret it.

Following the meeting, a swell clam chowder dinner was served in the quarters of the Salem Chapter across the street. Next meeting, Haverhill, May 7.

BOSTON

Commander: Benjamin James
88 Broad St., Boston
Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston

Annual Meeting

The officers, as nominated by the Nominating Committee (see March issue) were unanimously elected at the Annual Meeting on March 16.

Reports of officers covering their term of office showed what a splendid service they have rendered during the past year. The report of Treasurer AL PACIFICI revealed that, with all bills paid at the end of the year, the Club still had $1500.00 in cash. Income for the year exceed expense by approximately $50.00.

The reason for this small margin is found in the capital expenditures for the year, which have added to the valuation of the Club property, and greatly enhanced its appearance. Such costly items as the pointing up of the entire rear wall of the building, a new asphalt tile floor, and a new indirect lighting system in the office; new radiation lay-out in the game room; the purchase of a floor waxing machine and a new typewriter are some of these items.

In his annual report as Commander of the Chapter and President of the Club, TED WILSON was able to point to the achievement of the highest membership since the long-ago days of the late Col. CARROLL SWAN. He also reviewed the year's activities, smokers, trip to Camp Edwards during last summer's encampment of the 26th Division, M.N.G.; the Annual Military Ball in December. He praised highly the work of the officers who had worked with him, and the loyalty of the membership.

Commander-elect BEN JAMES was presented and called for all members to bring in articles of clothing, men's, women's and children's, that the Club and its Auxiliary might put them to good use.

The door prize which in the course of nine months during which the could-be winner has not been present had accumulated to the sum of $90.00. Again the membership number drawn was that of a man not present. So, as announced, the sum was divided into nine prizes of $10.00 each, and numbers drawn until nine men who WERE present had each won $10.00.

March Smoker

The speaker at the smoker on March 9, was Arthur H. Dalzell, a former lieutenant in the U. S. Tank Corps, who served throughout the war, until wounded, with the British forces. His talk on his experiences and the use of tanks in warfare, was illustrated by nearly 200 slides, and proved interesting to the large gathering.

April Smokers

Two smokers are to be held during April; the regular one on the third Thursday, April 20; a special on Thursday, April 6. At the first of these, the speaker is to be Mr. Ralph Blagden, commentator on foreign news for the Christian Science Monitor, who has declined to announce a specific topic on the grounds that events are happening so rapidly that he will simply do his best to bring his listeners up to the minute on the picture as it now stands in the opinion of the best-informed minds.

The Club is having the so-called "Small Hall" on the top floor made into a Trophy Room, with cases, etc. Members who have souvenirs of the war of any sort, who would be willing to give or loan them to the Club are urged to see or drop a line to GUY WATTS.

JIM HURLEY and TED SCHOONMACHER, both members of New York Chapter, have been recent visitors to the Club. Jim, sports writer for the New York *Mirror* (or is it the *New*?) is covering the Stanley Cup hockey series. Ted, representing the Brazil Nut Advertising Co. had a display at the big Candy Show in Mechanics Building.

Inside Dope

ROCCO (101st Inf.) Started to talk and JIM HURLEY, New York Chapter, asked for an interpreter.

JOHN MORRIS (Eng.) Thanks for the coordination.

B. GORFINKLE (Div. Hqrs.) Cost him $90.00 to stay away from the Annual meeting.

STEW JOHNSTON (102nd MG.) Walked out of $10.00 by ten minutes.

The Pan Club had a Secret meeting lately and CURRIER was the Guest Speaker.

K. MORRISON (104th Inf.) Has a new alibi, "I looked in the furnace."

TED WILSON (Signal) and GUY WATTS (104th Inf.) Had a "Smooth and Mellow" breakfast in Willimantic.

GOLDIE (101st Inf.) "I had it but I didn't play it."

YD AUXILIARY — BOSTON

At the last regular meeting of the YD Club Auxiliary, Mrs. Lacasse, President, made the following appointments:

Unit Chairmen — 101st Eng., Mrs. Corabelle Frances and Mrs. Hosea; 101st Signal Corps, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Ethel Alsen; 101st Field Art., Mrs. Brennan and Mrs. Randall; 101st Inf., Mrs. Fleming and Miss Bruce; 102nd Inf., Miss Furry and Mrs. Mary Hines; 104th Inf., Mrs. Catherine Hansen; 104th Headquarters, Mrs. Clara Alsen and Mrs. Estabrook; 102nd Machine Gun, Mrs. Driscoll and Mrs. Coleman; 104th Machine Gun, (?) Mrs. Kane and Mrs. Helen Kellen; 101st Amm. Tr., Mrs. Malay and Mrs. Louise Hardy.

The President also appointed Mrs. Lawrence F. Nugent, Somerville, chairman of the Annual Bazaar, the proceeds of which are used for hospital and welfare work during the year and at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Mrs. Helen Kellen, Somerville, chairman of the Luncheon and Whist Party to be held April 14 at Mrs. Richardson's Shop, 192 Boylston St., invites all the members and their friends to attend. Time 12.30 noon.

The sewing meetings are well attended at the home of the chairman, Mrs. Alsen, 11 Spaulding St., Dorchester.

— Nonie J. Nugent.

BROCKTON

Commander: A. Leroy Latham
33 Madison Street, Brockton
Secretary: Henry W. Eldridge
162 Winter Street, Montello

Held a meeting March 20. There were about nine present. We are to hold a get-together April 28th at the State Armory, on Warren Ave. to celebrate the discharge of the Division. Hope the boys will make a good showing. There will also be a short parade. All members present are on committee. We had quite a time over at JOHN SIMPSON's new home, to celebrate his birthday on Jan. 21st. I hope John excuses me for sending this in late.

Next meeting April 3rd.

— HENRY W. ELDRIDGE,
Secretary.

DANVERS

Commander: Harold B. Williams
139 Holten St., Danvers
Secretary: Charles W. Davis
21 Holten St., Danvers

Not much to report, but dues are beginning to flow in pretty good; believe all last year's members will be paid up by the time National Convention arrives and I hope a few new ones.

Nothing exciting is happening, but on Wed., April 26, we have a chicken dinner at Mrs. Pike's Inn, Middleton, Mass., after which ED MILLER will install the newly-elected officers. This is one time you can get out 90% of your members, so it looks like a hot time in the old town that night — and how! Nothing like a good chicken dinner washed down with plenty of good old Danvers *filtered water* for a good time. Signing off now, more in next issue.

P.S. The Middleton Gang have informed me the package store in Middleton Square have sent in a large order to their dealer for April delivery.

— C. W. DAVIS,
Secretary.

HAVERHILL

Commander: Harry P. Pluff
14 Maple St., Haverhill, Mass.
Secretary: Elmer Eaton
Box 93, Ward Hill, Mass.

We are holding our regular meetings the 2nd and 4th Tues. of every month. We had the State Chaplain as a visitor and visiting comrades from Salisbury on our first meeting night in March. After the meeting, the boys started an old Army game and the 104th Infantry cleaned out the Artillery of all their francs. Sec. EATON wanted doughnuts and coffee for a lunch which was enjoyed by all. Mr. WHEELER, a member, is doing a wonderful job drawing pictures to decorate the quarters.

The Auxiliary is going places with their Thurs. night whist parties. They put on a costume party March 15 which was a success with ROY WIGHTMAN in his night-shirt with a pot of beans in one hand and a lighted candle in the

other, and LEO MURPHY dressed as a Turk leading the grand march. The auxiliary also celebrated their first anniversary, March 28.

The March 28th meeting of the Chapter was a spirited meeting, with LEO MURPHY insisting that the meeting be conducted in a "TED NOYES' style" which is tops.

Commander PLUFF is making progress on membership. Treasurer MCCORMIC reports the financial condition of the Chapter is fine, all bills paid and money in the treasury.

Comrade WHEELER is making a 4 x 6 life-sized portrait of "Daddy" EDWARDS and is starting on a copy of the 104th mural decoration of colors in France.

— ELMER EATON.

LOWELL
Commander: Royal K. Hayes
75 Merrimack St., Lowell
Secretary: Quincy B. Park
119 Viola St., Lowell

Lowell Chapter held its regular monthly meeting in Room 510, Chalifoux Building, Monday evening, March 27th. Plans were made for the Annual YD Banquet to be held at the Rex Penthouse, Saturday evening, April 22nd.

Commander ROYAL K. HAYES made the following appointments; Chaplain, CLARENCE HILDRETH; Historian, GEORGE WALSH; Sergeant-at-Arms, ANDREW VANDETTE.

The following banquet committee appointments were made: Distinguished Guests, Chairman DORAN LYONS; Banquet Committee, Chairman LUTHER B. HILTON, DANIEL BRENNAN, JOSEPH SEXTON, GEORGE WALSH, RUSSELL STACK, JOSEPH RHEAULT, ROBERT CAMERON.

Publicity, Chairman JOHN B. O'DEA, EMILE HARTMAN, JOHN O'ROURKE, EDWARD SCULLIN, HARVEY J. BOISVERT, NEREE F. TURGEON, HAROLD BIGELOW. Finance, Chairman WALLACE DUNCAN, WILLARD SYMMES, ROLAND BLACK, Judge JOHN C. LEGGET, Dr. S. R. WALLER, THOMAS SILVA, Dr. JAMES Y. RODGER.

Transportation, Chairman Col. CHARLES STEVENS, WALTER P. MITCHELL, ALBERT SPARKS. Tickets, Chairman EUGENE RICARD, JOSEPH LEMIRE, GEORGE J. MORSE, GEORGE T. UNTERWOOD, FRANK ROURKE, GEORGE W. MULVEY, BERNARD F. SEDAR, FRANCIS F. QUINN, JOSEPH F. COUGHLIN, CLARENCE HILDRETH, GEORGE WALSH, ANDREW VANDETTE, ERNEST PETRIN, LOUIS RENAUD, JOHN KING, DONALD KERSHAW, JOSEPH VIVIER.

Suburban, Chairman HARRY CHAMBERS, ALFRED J. COUTURE, FRANCIS J. SHEEHAN, LEON J. MANNION, GEORGE MARSHALL, GEORGE LOWE.

Entertainment, Chairman EDWIN A. ROBEY, GEORGE WALSH, THOMAS J. MCDERMOTT, EDWIN BAILEY, WILLIAM HANNON. JAMES A. MCKEARNEY will act as toastmaster at the banquet.

Any person seeking information regarding the banquet is requested to contact QUINCY B. PARK, Secretary, Lowell YD Chapter, Address 119 Viola Street — Dial 5307.

Tickets are $1.00 apiece to National and State officers and Chapter Commanders; $1.50 to others. Party is stag and a swell program of entertainment is planned. All YD men from anywhere at all are invited.

Tickets must be reserved before April 17. (Gosh, that makes it tough on YANKEE DOINGS. You probably won't receive this issue till around the 21st.) If you want to go, make a try anyhow. DOINGS doubts if they'll turn you away.

LYNN
Commander: Michael Garofano
26 Waterhill St., Lynn
Secretary Earl Bailey
77 Kensington Lane, Swampscott

We had our Nomination of Officers on March 14th and election the 28th.

Chapter made donation for Baby Iron Lung to Post 6, A. L.

March 17th we held our annual Health Week Nite with over 150 YD men and their wives present. Doctor JAMES DUMAS was the featured speaker. LEON W. "Muscles" VARNAM was chairman assisted by ROYAL THOMAS who acted as Master of Ceremonies. Entertainment was featured by dancers, singers and a magician, topped off with the best picture of the year — "The African Jungle," a movie put on by one of our popular members, WILLIAM CLAPP. Our big drawing for radio and waffle-sandwich grill were won by Nos. 1133 and 728.

Those present at State House on House Bill No. 1252 (for the Y.D.V.A.) were AUSTIN APPLEBY, FRED JACKSON, EARL BAILEY, and RAY DOUCETTE, that all. There should have been at least 25.

Confined at Chelsea Soldiers Home Hospital are ARNOLD COX, LAWRENCE ETHIER, and Dr. RENTH. Drop in to see them if you can.

Our new officers elected March 28th are — MICHAEL GAROFANO as Commander and it looks like a big year for Lynn. "Mike" served in Battery E, 101st F.A., and holds a responsible position with the General Electric Co. He is a real shark on finance which means success and was

a former star athlete in High School and College and should be a real leader. Good luck, "Mike."

Senior Vice Commander WALTER N. SMITH served in Co. H, 104th Infantry which means the Artillery will have real support. Walter, better known as "John Boles" is considered the king of them all in getting new members and besides being the best looking man in Lynn Chapter is a real leader and should go far.

Junior Vice Commander PERLEY KNIGHT served with those great 101st Engineers, and our membership should go places under his direction, as he is a natural leader with a lot of personality.

Secretary (appointed) EARL BAILEY (101st F.A.); Treasurer A RAYMOND DOUCETTE (101st F.A.) (6th term); Sgt.-at-Arms EARL TRECARTIN (104th Infantry); Historian LEON VARNAM (101st F.A.); Chaplain GEORGE WARREN (104th Infantry); Service Officer THOMAS MCMAHON (104th Infantry); Hospitalization Officer CLAUDE HOAG (101st F.A.).

Executive Comm. — Dr. CHESTER BROWN (101st Medical Det.), EUSTIS GRIMES (102nd Infantry), THOMAS CURRAN (101st F.A.), CLAUDE HOAG (101st F.A.), ROYAL THOMAS (103rd F.A.).

Trustee, Trust Fund 3 year term — HAROLD A. GUPPY.

To our outgoing Commander — HOLMAN "Bob" STANCHFIELD we all say congratulations "Bob" on your splendid record during the past year. You did a real job and we are proud of you for putting over our biggest and best year ever. "Well done thou good and faithful son of YD." Stay with us and help our new officers beat your swell record. Good luck and thanks, "Bob," you were a real leader.

Plans for an impressive installation ceremony at G.A.R. Hall on April 11, have been perfected by a committee of which ROYAL THOMAS and CARL RUDDOCK are co-chairman. National and state officers plan to be present.

— RAY DOUCETTE.

NEW BEDFORD

Commander: Walter H. Burns
65 Larch Ave., Fairhaven, Mass.
Secretary: James S. McQuade
108 Locust St., New Bedford, Mass.

Sometimes we feel like orphans way down in this southeastern corner of the state. Did the rest of you fellows ever stop to think of it — unless a state meeting is in New Bedford, the next nearest place it can be is Boston and that is 58 miles away. Other chapter towns range from 80 to 150 miles from here. We have installed new officers and we're going to carry on; but how we'd like to have some YD neighbors, in places like Taunton, Fall River, and down toward the Cape. And there used to be a real live one in Brockton, but we don't hear much from them. I have tried to get something started in these other places, and so has everybody else. There are a lot of YD men in those towns. Contrast our position with that of Lynn or Salem, with 6 chapters within a radius of 30 miles! Here is where a crew of pick and shovel men could do a lot of good — and right away.

The officers installed on March 30 at Battery D Headquarters were: Commander, WALTER H. BURNS; Sr. V.C., CHARLES CHAPIN; Jr. V.C., LOUIS MARCOUX; Treasurer, WALTER JOHNSON; Secretary, JAMES S. MCQUADE; Publicity Secretary, ADELARD SAUVE; Trustees, LEONARD MCDONALD, JOSEPH LAJEUNESSE, FRANCIS O'LEARY; Chaplain, Past Commander WILLIAM W. DRESNER; Sgt.-at-Arms, SAMUEL O. PICARD.

The Ways and Means Committee consists of WILLIAM W. DRESNER, JOSEPH LAJEUNESSE, LEONARD MCDONALD and Commander BURNS.

The meeting closed with a dinner served by a committee headed by Commander BURNS who is one fine fellow and a worker. We are all working with him and looking forward to the largest chapter in the state. So look out Boston, Lynn, Worcester et al — we are after your hide.

At the monthly meeting which proceeded the installation it was voted that the YD juniors Bugle and Drum Corp and its members take part in the Army Day parade and exercises to be held April 6. It was also voted that the corps take part in the Allied Veterans Council get-together to be held at the State Armory, April 15.

— W. W. D.

Ed. Note — BILL DRESNER who has headed New Bedford Chapter for two terms, ends up the above dispatch with the words: "I am just Bill now on week days and William on Sundays."

SALEM

Commander: Thomas J. Bannon
12 May St., Salem
Secretary: Charles A. Laforme
33 Balcomb St., Salem

Remarks from Salem Witches in Shorts — Regular meeing Friday, March 3. Committee appointed to conduct raffle. DUTCHY AYERS, NAP LEBLANC, E. THIBAULT. One case of Choice Goods. (What's good about a case) to be held at the State Meeting, April 2. — Bank Night winner EDDIE GRAVEL. Plans made to attend State Meeting in New Bedford, etc.

Friday, March 10 — Bank Night winner FRED JEFFERSON — not present. A double shot for next week. — Comm. BOB STANCHFIELD of Lynn and "Chappie" ROBERTSON for pow-wow on uniforms. Result — 5 members fitted for uniforms. Comm. "Youse-Guys" BANNON, J. V. "Chon" WALSH, NAP "Harryville" ST. CHARLES, LEO PETIT (nothing petite about Leo) and NAP LEBLANC.

Friday, March 17 — Bank Night winner NAP LEBLANC. — Usual routine and whatnot, committee washing walls in quarters H. ST. CHARLES, BANNON, ST. PIERRE and THIBAULT. Stencil design inside of panels, "Count" LAFORME lettered names of battle fronts inside of designs, pretty slick job. Ladies' Aux. bought two dozen folding chairs, also are making draperies for windows. Pretty smart bunch of girls in our auxiliary.

Friday, March 24 — Bank Night winner FRED JEFFERSON again, and FRED A.W.O.L. What's the matter FRED thars gold in that there YD Dug-Out. Comm. appointed to make arrangements for State Meeting to be held in quarters, April 2. "Jon" WALSH, "One-round" LAREAU, "Long drink" LEGER, "Cribbage" PELLETIER, and "Money Bags" THIBODEAU. Large attendance so a lot of chin music.

Next meeting March 31 — Your reporter is making this writeup on the 22nd. One thing sure there will be plenty doing.

Behind the Scenes — After a three months' A.W.O.L. ERNIE LEBLANC popped in last meeting looking slicker than slick. Whata you mean? You been recuperating, you infant.

The 104th Infantry Reunion Committee are holding weekly meetings in our quarters, Monday nights. Parade Comm. said they are going to put the Artillery ahead of the Infantry in the parade for a change. Why you so-and-sos, you better get a company of M.P.'s behind you if you expect to keep up with us soldiers.

Around the Wild Deuce Table Spot — MCHUGH said when called, "well, I have four natural jacks," "Brand" TOMKINS said, "I had four sevens, now I have five." (Censored.) Damn the damn damn black deuces.

LORENZO WRIGHT had a baby last week — we mean his wife — say LORENZO you better quit playing poker home and play more penny ante in the Dug-Out. Somebody said at the last meeting, "Is that Charter of Incorporation hanging on the wall still in force. Yep, it sure is. Your reporter was at the State House on the 21st and checked up and the Yankee Division Club of Greater Salem, Inc. is still alive. The Club was formed in 1919 and incorporated in April, 1920. If we are not the oldest YD organization in the country will somebody kindly tell us who is?

— E. J. THIBAULT.

SPRINGFIELD
Commander: Thomas A. Dee
59 Maynard St., Springfield
Secretary: Roswell F. Patch
98 Alden St., Springfield

Springfield Chapter and Auxiliary held a joint installation, preceded by a Turkey Dinner at the Hotel Charles in Springfield, on the evening of April 1.

Past President Mrs. Julian Martindale acted as installing officer for the Auxiliary. DOINGS regrets it did not secure the name of the lady who assisted her as Sergeant-at-Arms.

The officers installed were: President, Veronica Chapman; Sr. V.P., Catherine Crokan; Treasurer, Ethel Champagne; Secretary, Irene Coons; Sgt.-at-Arms, Mary Dee; Chaplain, Margaret Heber; Historian, Margaret Johnson.

The Auxiliary presented a beautiful ring (looked like a ruby to our unpracticed eye) to outgoing president, Mrs. Irene Maley. (Who also looked like a ruby — aw heck, her gown we mean.)

The officers of the Chapter were installed by National Commander ED MILLER, assisted by National Sergeant-at-Arms HARRY ROBERTSON.

The officers installed were: Commander, THOMAS DEE; Sr. V.C., CLARENCE E. ROSS; Jr. V.C., Dr. FRANK LARROW; Treasurer, DENNIS J. BRUNTON; Secretary, ROSWELL F. PATCH; Chaplain, HECTOR FRENETTE; Sgt.-at-Arms, PATRICK F. WOODS; Trustee for three years, HENRY ROUX.

A fine dinner and a perfectly corking entertainment preceded the installation, and dancing followed. "Just a bunch of firemen" put on the show, but they had rounded up some swell talent. And some of the local chapter members and families added their part — JACK LOWE giving "The Darktown Strutter's Ball," Miss Maybelle Martindale, pretty daughter of Julian and Mrs. Martindale, rendering three or four contralto solos, (hope we have the young lady's name spelled right) and KEN MUNYAN whacking the be-jeesus out of a xylophone.

Head table guests and speakers included the Nat. Commander MILLER, Nat. Treasurer REDFIELD, Nat. Sec. SANBORN, Dep't. Comm. TED NOYES, HARRY ROBERTSON and outgoing Com-

mander Bob Beach. Of the visiting firemen, Messrs. Miller, Robertson, and Noyes were accompanied by their missusses; Messrs. Redfield and Sanborn — solo.

Dennie Brunton was toastmaster; Ros Patch, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee.

It was a grand evening and a swell party.

YD AUXILIARY, SPRINGFIELD

On March 20th the Auxiliary held their Annual Membership Banquet at the Lone Eagle in Agawam. Judging from the large crowd the members surely lived up to their promise, each member bringing in a new member. Decorations were in keeping with our YD colors also YD place-cards for each member. A delicious chicken supper with all the fixings was served and enjoyed by all, after which an entertainment of singing and dancing was held.

WORCESTER

Commander: Harry Block
16 No. Woodford St., Worcester
Secretary: Joseph F. Tivnan
66 Warner Ave., Worcester

Worcester Chapter held its regularly monthly meeting March 16th in their Dugout at the G.A.R. Building, with a good crowd present many of whom we had not seen for a long time. Welcome Comrades, happy to have you with us, and be sure to come again for more Happy Doings. We also had with us comrades from other Chapters, wish this could happen more often.

Chairman Herb Buss of the Membership Comm. (Senior Vice Commander) gave a good report on membership, and reported a continued increase. Commander Harry Block had some good words to say on the membership question. Stating that inasmuch as Worcester Chapter has a candidate in the field for National Commander our loyal D.C. and hardworking Buddy, Ted Noyes we should have a d — — good drive for a top of at least three hundred members before the Convention.

Other important matters were taken up and disposed of by action of the body. One, on which good progress was reported, was the Annual Worcester Chapter YD Dinner Dance to be held April 18th. And say, comrades from other Chapters, here's something you don't want to miss. Chicken, steak, or lobster dinner, floor show, and all the jitterbug stuff you can stand until two o'clock in the morning. And best of all you can get this for the small sum of one buck and a half. Send in your reservations and come and see us.

A get-together party is promised for our next meeting April 20th with the present active outfit of the YD represented by the local outfits of the National Guard. Drills and what have you, both right and wrong will be in order, refreshments, entertainment, and all that is needed to make a real party will be on tap. So it should be some party. What say, Coming? This party will be in the State Armory, Worcester. Better be there.

"Pop" Shannon of the speakers committee dug up a speaker for the evening in the person of Officer Driscoll of the School Safety Patrol, who has done some mighty fine work in saving of life and limbs through his untiring efforts. His discourse was well received and was followed by two reels of sound pictures which were a good roundout to his talk.

In the meantime the boys were getting away with the usual supply of refreshments served up by the boys of the Refreshment Committee, even if Ed Racicot was compelled to be absent the early part of the evening. But Ed showed up, leave it to him, he never falls down.

Well, there you have it. There is I suppose more, but h —, it's getting late so it will have to go over until next time.

— "Pop" Shannon.

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Dep't. Commander: Howard W. Hunt, 51 Star St., Pawtucket, R. I.

DOINGS is happy to report that Department Chapter Hunt had sufficiently improved in health to attend the Providence Chapter meeting on March 21; but he is still feeling kind of rocky and has been advised to go easy for some time.

APREMONT CHAPTER

Pawtucket - Central Falls
Commander John I. Rancourt
1137 Smithfield Ave., Saylesville
Secretary: Ralph W. Dexter
43 Thornley St., Pawtucket

A regular meeting was held in Business Men's Rooms on Friday, March 10 at 8.45 P. M., with

Commander MORAN presiding, and 23 members present. In his report on the membership committee, RAN DARLING said that at least five new members had been signed up for that week. It was reported that Comrades JOHN RANCOURT and CHARLIE HAYMAN had returned from Newport Naval Hospital for which everyone was most glad. The Banquet committee has sent letters and tickets to every member and all is set for the Banquet and Dance at the Chateau Dreyfus, So. Attleboro on April 12. New members, WILLIAM GARLICK (Co. A, 103rd Machine Gun Bat.) and RALPH DEXTER, (104th Ambulance Co.) were introduced to the members. It was voted to send the Red Cross a letter offering our services at any time. Nominations for Officers for the coming year were then made.

Following adjournment, movies of the 1938 Convention in Providence were shown, after which coffee and doughnuts were served.

Regular meeting held at the Business Man's rooms on Friday, March 24 at 8.30, with 26 members and Commander MORAN presiding. RAN DARLING announced several new men had been signed up but that no definite check was available that night. The following slate of Officers was then elected for the ensuing year:

Commander, JOHN RANCOURT; Senior Vice-Comm., RANDOLPH DARLING; Junior Vice-Comm., WALTER JENKS; Chaplain, ARTHUR GAUVIN; Treasurer, ALBERT PLANT; Secretary, RALPH DEXTER; Sgt.-at-Arms, EDWARD CLARKE; Judge Advocate, ERNEST COOK; Trustee for 18 Months, CHARLES H. FULLER.

A communication was read from Memorial Hospital, Pawtucket, expressing appreciation for the action of five members of the Chapter in volunteering their services as Donors for blood transfusions.

A letter from National Comm. EDGAR MILLER was read, saying he would be with us at the Banquet on April 12.

Comrade JERRY O'LEARY of Providence then thanked the Chapter for their endorsement of him for National Comm., and then gave a few sidelights on the Legion convention in Los Angeles last Fall, at the same time telling of the fine YD spirit out there on the West Coast.

It was voted that the installation of Officers be held on April 28 and be confined to members and YD men. An invitation will be sent to Providence Chapter.

Following adjournment the members attended the YD night at Pawtucket Post of the Legion.

The writer at this time wishes to say a few words in appreciation of the fine work of Past Comm. MORAN, who in the past year has given most generously in every way to the cause of putting our Chapter up in its right place. Jack has always been ready at all times to answer the call, and no small credit is his for the steady improvement in the number of new members on the roster. (See standing.) You have sure given the men in the future in that post something to shoot at.

Due credit should also be given all other Officers and members who have done their bit for the Chapter, especially WALTER JENKS for the tiresome and thankless job of Secretary.

I am very glad to pinch-hit for our publicity man and our Treasurer-elect who has been at the Rutland Hospital for the past week under observation, but who, I am glad to say, has written that he will be home some time next week.

A last minute check-up shows that we have 14 new members so far, *and say* — are we going to work on those old men too. They don't stand any chance of *not* signing up from now on.

— RAN DARLING.

PROVIDENCE
Commander: Edwin M. Mara
460 Eaton St., Providence
Secretary: Howard W. Hunt
51 Star St., Pawtucket

Under the guiding hand of Commander EDWIN M. MARA and his staff of Officers, Providence Chapter, YDVA, has really been going places this year. Interest at meetings is mounting monthly and the chapter is steadily forging ahead in membership. At the last regular meeting held March 21st in the Harrison St. Armory, seventy-one members turned out for the meeting. And believe you me the evening was a busy one. Nearly all those who attended had some part in the discussions of the various questions brought up. This is as it should be and creates the interest so necessary for real snappy, successful meetings.

Before getting under way the chapter stood in thirty seconds silence in tribute to our departed comrades, and especially to our most esteemed comrade, LOUIS F. STEEN who just recently passed on "To the Great Beyond."

Several new members were introduced to the membership and each was given an enthusiastic welcome by those present as the Commander urged them to interest themselves in chapter activities and take an active part if possible.

Providence Chapter's treasury still stands at a nice little balance with all bills paid to date.

In the absence of the Sr. Vice Commander, the Secretary gave a report on membership. As of March 21st we have 212 on our rolls. New members are coming in steadily. Dues are now payable and should be turned over to the Secretary as soon as possible.

Jr. Vice Commander KELLEY reported on service work and as a member of the membership committee. Speaking on membership he stressed the importance of getting new members and hoped that we would be able to go to Hartford 300 strong.

Chaplain LAFFEY reported on sick-welfare and relief. Spoke of the untimely death of our comrade LOUIS F. STEEN and of what the chapter did at the funeral. It was a very fitting tribute paid to him and reflected a great deal of credit on the officers and members of the chapter. He expressed his pleasure at seeing the State Commander and Secretary back on the job again.

Past Dept. Commander MULCAHEY reporting as chairman of the nominating committee, reported progress. Stated that at the next regular meeting in April nominations will be made for chapter offices and will remain open until the May meeting when the election will be held. The success of this chapter can only be secured by nominating and electing the best men available to lead Providence Chapter for the ensuing year.

Chairman MIKE CRESCENZO of the committee on the Seicheprey Day Celebration gave a report on its activities. The party will be held at the Minerva Cafe on Eddy St., just back of the Biltmore Hotel on April 19th. Open house at the Benefit St. Arsenal from 5 to 7 P. M. There will be a short street parade to the World War Memorial headed by the 103rd Field Artillery band for memorial exercises. An elaborate floor show has been arranged. Tickets are $1.25 and should be purchased as soon as possible as the number is limited.

Past Chapter Commander LARRY COOK, chairman of the Providence - Hartford convention booster committee reported that 27 members and guests had already registered through him. He reported on the progress the convention committee in Hartford had made. Brought up the question of the advisability of the R. I. delegation reserving an entire floor in one of the hotels or at least having all their rooms in the same hotel.

Comrade MCKIERNAN, chairman of the smoker committee reported that the smoker would be held in the Elks Auditorium, Washington St., on Friday evening, May 12th. Tickets are $1.00 and have stubs to be used for a valuable door prize. It is the committee's intention to make this an annual affair, consequently they are planning the best that can be had. There will be boxing, a show and a feed.

Commander MARA announced the meeting in April would be held on the 18th, and appointed comrade CHRISTOPHER GAINES as chairman of the entertainment committee for this meeting. The following members will serve with him: OSCAR MAYNARD, FRED GRANDCHAMP, MURT KENNEY and WILLIAM THOMSON.

Other business included many things which are reported here in brief form. A committee comprised of LARRY COOK Chm., RICHARD KING, RICHARD FEELEY, OSCAR MAYNARD and BOB MURRAY was appointed to select a high school boy to be sent by the Chapter to the "1939 Little Rhody's Boys' State" to be held at Kingston, July 2-15; where training is offered in youthful citizenship.

Congressman Risk's bill for a Veterans Hospital in Rhode Island was endorsed.

The following committee was appointed to draw up a set of Chapter By-Laws: WALTER VICKERY Chm., JOSEPH LAFFEY, WILLIAM BERGEN, CHRISTOPHER GAINES, HAROLD T. PARRISH, GEORGE ELLIOTT, ROBERT MURRAY.

The Secretary was instructed to obtain the price of YD grave markers from the Y.D.V.A. Sales Department.

Sec. HOWARD HUNT thanked one and all for their kindnesses during his illness. Purchase of a Past Commander's jewel was authorized to be presented to ED MARA.

The entertainment for this meeting was under a committee of which JERRY O'LEARY was Chairman. The speaker was Mr. Arthur Marley, Superintendent of the Sockanosset School for Boys. His enlightening and entertaining talk was much appreciated.

Followed a he-man's collation — and after that the card sharks settled down. Oh boy.

— H. W. H.

DON'T FORGET

YOUR

DUES!

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Dep't. Commander: Raymond B. Kincaid, 39 Homestead Ave., New Britain, Conn.
Dep't. Secretary: Arthur Butcher 13 Audubon St., New Britain, Conn.

STATE MEETING
Ansonia — March 12

Meeting called to order at 3.40 by Commander KINCAID.

The following guests were called to the platform: Mayor Nolan of Ansonia, Mayor Cadwell of Derby, Mayor Manweiller of Seymour, Frank Gates of Derby and Mayor Stack of Norwalk, all of whom gave short talks.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. Treasurer's report $9.20. Flower fund collection $2.90. Senior Vice Commander gave a report on membership.

Report of Committees: Past National Commander MALONEY spoke on the General EDWARDS Memorial Bill and asked the support of the members at the hearing March 14, at Hartford. He also gave a report of the National Executive Committee meeting at Boston. They confirmed the appointment of Past National Commander HERMAN to the nominating committee and named WILLIAM SALLADIN of Bristol as alternate. All new members signed up until the convention will be credited to National Commander MILLER. The changing of the fiscal year was also taken up and the date is expected to be changed at the Convention.

Past Commander THOMPSON on uniform beret: He had a sample from the firm who furnish our uniforms but did not consider the price or beret satisfactory and thought we should get them from National Headquarters until some other source shows a better one.

GARDINER HALL speaking on aid for Doctor KEATING said that the Chapters were responding in fine shape.

Bridgeport took the gavel.

Unfinished Business: Past National Commander MALONEY said that he had registered in favor of the bill on support of children of veterans and on two of the three DAV bills.

New Business: Voted to amend use of the flower fund to tobacco and fruit as well as flowers at the discretion of the committee.

On suggestion of Commander ALLEN of Manchester that the Commander as well as the Treasurer be required to sign any checks, the Commander appointed a committee of Past National Commander MALONEY and Past State Commanders THOMPSON and CUNNINGHAM to investigate the by-laws and report back at the next meeting.

Good of the YDVA: Past National Commander MALONEY spoke on the Memorial for General EDWARDS' grave. Commander ALLEN of Manchester spoke on running an old-fashioned barn dance as a get-together and also as a benefit for the State Dep't. and he was appointed a committee to look into this and to report back at the next meeting. Past State Commander THOMPSON spoke on colors for the State Dep't.

The attendance was small on account of the weather but Ansonia gave us a good time which made up for the bad traveling. Meeting adjourned at 6.00 with a salute to the colors.

— ARTHUR BUTCHER,
Secretary.

— RAYMOND B. KINCAID,
Department Commander.

STATE MEETING
Manchester — April 2

No report of this meeting has reached the YANKEE DOINGS up to press time.

BRIDGEPORT
Commander: James W. Morrell
R. F. D. No. 3, Box 161, Bridgeport
Secretary: Leslie R. Barlow
39 Woodmont Ave., Bridgeport

Rowdy - dow, Dues are DUE.

Our Chapter voted to give up our first meeting night of the month so our auxiliary may meet and to meet jointly with them on the third Monday evening of each month.

Gosh, we can't resist giving a plug to the V.F.W. for the way they have redecorated and refurnished their quarters. Yes, and do not forget their State convention in Bridgeport in June.

All the vets seem to speak well of their treatment at Newington. We must not forget to find out where they get the square eggs they serve.

The sap must be running good up in the old 103rd territory about now.

Anybody seen JOE HURLEY.

SAM MARCUS is getting around again but not like his old self.

The boys have several couples ready for the Seicheprey shindig at Norwalk, on April 22nd.

Congrats to HENRY WOODS and BILL ADAMS, the new officers of the Norwalk Chapter.

The Bridgeport gang brought the traveling gavel back from the state meeting at Ansonia the other Sunday.

It seemed good to meet our old friends, "Hub" BEERS and JIMMY PECK up at the V.F.W. installation at Newtown. Oh-Oh, there goes that V.F.W. again. Stick to Bridgeport there, Major Hoople.

Yes and did we have a good time at the State meeting at Manchester, meeting old timers like ANDY HOLZHEIMER, "POP" BRENDEL and Commissioner ALLEN.

Well just about everybody and their uncle Charlie are making plans to get up to Hartford to the National. Just as sure as you have BEN BOURN.

Yes, sir, EDWARD J. MURRAY of old C Comp., 102nd Inf., is a member of our gang.

Congrats also to our friend GEORGE RIICKEREL (brother to our Herbo away down there in Stamford.)

Ring off says a voice from the other room. You've mentioned everybody now but ED MILLER and that Mr. MALONEY.

— "SAME OLD DICK."

HARTFORD

Commander: John J. Costello
49 Wyllys St., Hartford
Secretary: — Information missing

Standing March 31 — 302 members. We told you we'd go over the 300 mark for ED MILLER.

Beginning with April and continuing through May and June this chapter will meet twice monthly on the first and third Wednesdays at the State Armory, the first meeting being regular and the other meeting to be entirely devoted to convention activities. This is an addition to the regular weekly meetings on Tuesdays for the executive committee at the Bond Hotel. This also allows the junior drum corps exclusive rights on Mondays. We need plenty of help on the committees and we want your support. And speaking also about the drum corps, a little affair was put on during March at the Bond Hotel to raise some funds, but from the members who attended very little help came from them.

Perhaps all the members have not seen these children doing their stuff at the Noah Webster School Gym, on Whitney St. on Monday nights. Well, do drop up the next Monday and take a look and you will get a surprise. THOMAS O'CONNOR assisted by JOSEPH COLLINS, HAROLD ELLINGWORTH, ARTHUR SWANSON and FRANK YACONELLO have been devoting a lot of time to make this some snappy outfit, but to get these children equipped and ready to participate in the coming convention will take just a little more than time, and perhaps someone will have the answer.

The March meeting was well attended and was followed by some good entertainment put on by our chairman of entertainment, ARTHUR NIELSON, free to the chapter. At this time your new officers have been elected and installed and ready for a very busy year.*

A great many of the fellows have already been up to Kramer's and have their uniforms, and Hartford should make a good appearance during the convention.

May 10th is the dead-line for taking that photo at the Brown Thompson Studio, this is necessary to insure the finish of the large composite to be displayed in the window of B. & T. preceding and during the convention, and the photo will be placed in the history book.

— JOHN J. GOSS.

* Who are they? — ED.

Again we remind you that dues are payable on April 1st, National dues $2.00, chapter dues $1.00, send them along to HARRY ROBERTSON, 39 Belcher Road, Wethersfield.

MANCHESTER

"Epieds Chapter"
Commander: Clyde G. Beckwith
12 Trotter St., Manchester, Conn.
Secretary: Ray Smith
70 Ridge St., Manchester, Conn.

The new slate of officers installed at the state meeting in Manchester on April 2 is:

Commander, CLYDE G. BECKWITH; 1st V.C., ARTHUR MCCANN; 2nd V.C., WILLIAM SHIELDS; Treasurer, DAVID MCCOLLUM; Secretary, RAY SMITH; Sgt.-at-Arms, JEFF BLANCHARD; Color bearers, ARTHUR JOHNSON, ERNEST MCNALLY.

Board of Governors, P.C. WILLIAM ALLEN for 3 years; P.C. EDWARD FRAZIER for 2 years; BERT MOSELEY for one year. Auditors, GEORGE BOOTH, WALTER HALL.

At the regular March meeting arrangements were completed to uniform at least half the membership before Convention. We are also purchasing a new flag.

JACK PENTLAND has been giving yeoman service visiting the sick as acting service officer. Many of the boys have been sick, but we believe all are on the mend at this writing. LOUIS PALMER has his new leg and will soon be around.

This Chapter voted to adopt the name of Epieds Chapter, and a By-Laws Committee is

working on a set of regulations for the chapter's government.

— C. G. B.

MERIDEN
Commander: Stanley Rakowski
27 Carter Ave., Meriden, Conn.
Secretary: Kenneth E. Parkin
45 Cherry St., Meriden, Conn.

On March 11 (DOINGS assumes it was March 11, as clipping bears pencilled date March 12, and article reads "last night") Meriden Chapter met in the Legion Home and elected the following officers:

Commander, STANLEY RAKOWSKI; 1st V.C., FIODI TOMASSETTI; 2nd V.C., ANTHONY MEYERS; Treasurer, Capt. JOHN R. FEEGEL, D.S.C.; Secretary, KENNETH E. PARKIN; Chaplain, EDWARD KELLEY; Historian, ARTHUR SERVICE; Sgt.-at-Arms, ALEX POLIWADA; Trustees, P.C. HARRY ADAMS, WALTER KNOX.

Installation will be held in G.A.R. Hall on May 14.

Commander-elect RAKOWSKI was once gassed and twice wounded in France, the second time to such a severe degree as to necessitate the amputation of both legs, one below the knee, the other above the knee. He is respected by all veterans, and under him the Chapter expects to regain some of its lost membership and grow to new heights.

NEW BRITAIN
Commander: John Suess
89 Kensington Ave., New Britain
Secretary: Arthur Butcher
13 Audubon St., New Britain

March has been the most active and successful month this year for the New Britain Chapter, Y.D.V.A. The New Britain *Herald* has carried six separate stories of the chapter activities. Our regular business meeting was held on March 7th, and the following week six men from the chapter went to the hearings in Hartford to help out on bills 142 and 143.

On Tuesday evening, March 21, we held the biggest and best party ever held by the New Britain Chapter. Before a gathering of about 80, Private Slack C.M.H. of the 33rd Division (who was our guest of honor) told in a joking way of how he won the war. Private Slack is the most decorated private soldier who served in the World War, and was the only private soldier to win the Congressional Medal of Honor*. Following this talk, the Commander showed some official Signal Corp pictures of World War action. SVC JACK SUESS pulled off his membership raffle. This idea conceived by Sec. ART BUTCHER netted the chapter 6 new members and over 50 paid-up members for 1939, and also put about twenty-five dollars into our treasury — our second successful venture this year.

We had to spread our refreshments out pretty thin, as we had no idea we would have such a crowd. Pat Malley brought a YD cake which was raffled off at a nickel a bid, further enriching our treasury. Lots of new faces at this party, and we were glad to welcome back into our chapter ERIC OLSEN, our only D.S.C. man.

ROD CHAMBERLAIN is back from a six-weeks' trip to the coast, and has gone to work on the Convention advertising from New Britain. JACK SUESS has just been elected Commander of the M. O. Purple Heart, rumor has it that he is trying to head up a few more organizations. State Copper ALBIN BACKIEL, Sgt. BILL GRABECK of the N. B. Police Dept., Past State Comm. RAY FROST of the V.F.W. and many other prominent YD'ers were on hand. On April 18th we are going to swing another big party, sound pictures through the courtesy of the Cremo Brewing Co., State Armory. Come on over.

— G. C. W.

* That may be what he said, but 'taint so. — ED.

NEW HAVEN
Commander John J. Welch
87 Elizabeth St., New Haven, Conn.
Secretary: Fred V. Hirsch
19 Foster St., New Haven, Conn.

JACK DILLON and CHARLIE GARDNER were the only chapter officers to answer roll call at the meeting on March 23. Jack presided as he has done so many times this year.

Two new members, RAYMOND ROBINSON and HARRY FORSLUND, both of the erstwhile Co. D, 103rd M. G. Bn. were voted into the chapter.

The high light of the meeting was the appearance of old JOHN HENRY "Machine Gun" PARKER after a three months' sojourn at Walter Reed Hospital. The Colonel has put on weight and is becoming used to the store teeth.

Past Commander FRANK P. LEE, TOMMY WEBB and RAY COOPER were reported as in hospital, Frank and Tommy in Newington and Cooper in New Haven. Ray was operated upon the day of the meeting but details were lacking. FRANK LEE will be able to receive visitors soon.

FRANK WRINN's wife was one of the blanket winners. The name of the other winner is too hard to pronounce let alone spell.

LEN MALONEY reported the award by Hamden Post of the American Legion of the contract for the erection of five stained glass windows as a memorial to the late Major A. FRED OBERLIN. The windows will be in the rotunda of the Hamden Memorial Town Hall and will likely be dedicated on Decoration Day, May 30.

Members were urged to turn out with YD Post No. 130 on New Haven Green for Memorial exercises on Seicheprey Day, April 20. A number plan to go to New York in the afternoon for the Edwards tablet dedication at Fordham.

LESTER BIGELOW pinch-hitted as secretary for FRED HIRSCH. Fred doesn't miss many meetings.

— L. J. M.

FRED HIRCH made a visit to Newington Hospital, accompanied by Commander JACK WELCH, NICK SALVATORE and CHARLIE GARDNER, calling on FRANK LEE and TOM WEBB. Fred also ran across an old pal he hadn't seen for 21 years, BILL FOLEY of Lawrence, Mass. (Fred writes, "Lawton, Mass.", but we ain't got no such place, Fred.) Last time they saw each other was at Base 15, Chaumont, France on Thanksgiving Eve, 1917.

NEW LONDON

Commander: Joseph F. Keeney,
67 Ocean Ave., New London, Conn.
Secretary: John M. O'Connor
455 Montauk Ave., New London

Practically the entire membership of the New London chapter was present at our regular meeting, Wed., March 29th, at the Crocker House.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

Commander, JOSEPH F. KEENEY; Sen. Vice Commander, ALBERT ST. GERMAINE; Junior Vice Commander, ELBERT BARNES; Chaplain, RUSSELL SPARKS; Treasurer, WILLIAM AIKENS; Secretary, JOHN M. O'CONNOR; Sergeant-at-Arms, ARTHUR WINSLOW; Historian, BERNT BENTSON; Trustees, WILLIAM KNOX, WALTER MORAN.

Commander JOE KEENEY reported that he had made arrangements with the war department to have motion pictures of the "Yankee Division in France" at our April meeting.

ED O'MEARA reported on the activities and progress of the Hartford Convention. Everything is surely being done to make Hartford the bigger and better convention.

All members present were measured for uniforms, and those absent have already expressed their intentions of buying uniforms. Thus we will be fully decked out for the doings in Hartford in June.

The New London Chapter is planning for the observation of Seicheprey day on April 20, including a radio program from the local broadcasting station.

All roads out of New London led to Manchester, April 2nd, for the State Meeting, where New London Chapter attempted to recapture the traveling gavel.

— JOHN M. O'CONNOR.

NORWALK

Commander: Henry E. Woods
154 Gregory Blvd., East Norwalk, Conn.
Secretary: William P. Adams
16 Harding Place, Danbury, Conn.

At a meeting held either March 1 or March 2 (we cannot tell from the clipping) Norwalk Chapter elected the following officers:

Commander, HENRY E. WOODS; 1st V.C., HAROLD ANDERSON; 2nd V.C., JOHN PHELAN; Treasurer, Capt. WILLIAM H. WHITNEY; Secretary, WILLIAM P. ADAMS; Chaplain, P.C. ANTHONY CARRIONE; Historian, SAMUEL C. POLLEY; Officer of the Day, EDWARD O'CONNELL.

Trustees, for three years, P.N.C. ALBERT W. HERMAN; for two years, HAROLD ANDERSON; for one year, JOHN PHELAN.

Commander-elect HENRY WOODS has served the Chapter 20 consecutive years as Secretary! Refreshments and dancing followed the meeting.

As announced in the March issue, Norwalk's big annual event — the Seichepray Banquet will be held at the Shorehaven Country Club, Saturday evening, April 22. An eight course chicken dinner is planned, music by an outstanding orchestra, total time for speakers — 30 minutes, dancing and entertainment. Those who have attended these affairs in the past wouldn't miss it. This year looks like the biggest ever. The National Commander will attend, but alas, the Nat. Secretary has agreed to be at the Lowell Mass. Annual Banquet that night. (That "alas" will sound swell to the Lowell boys, won't it. But we don't mean it that way. It's just that we can't be two places at once.)

Admission is $1.50 per plate — *and no deadheads.*

WATERBURY

"P.C. Vigneulles"
Commander: Joseph J. Charpentier
30 Baldwin Ave., Waterbury, Conn.
Secretary: Walter Bolan
96 Nottingham Ter., Waterbury, Conn.

Commander ED MILLER called on us Thursday, March 2nd and spent a pleasant and profit-

able hour discussing YD plans and policies.

Edw. P. Fitzgerald, of the local P.O. staff, has received and accepted an invitation to return to France in September, 1939. During the war Ed was stationed with the 102nd in a village named Rouvres-Le Chetives, Vosges, not far from Neufchateau. He made friends with the French people, with whom he was billeted, the family Paulon, and has kept up a correspondence with them since the war. Lucky Ed — one of the benefits of being a bachelor, his expenses are reduced by one-half.

Our sympathy goes to Dennis Stack and his sister, Mrs. Hockert in the recent death of their father.

A very enjoyable Past Commanders' Party was held on March 16 which was well attended by many of the boys who now have P.C. after their names in YD connections. The real guest of honor was Frederick W. Rowe who is completing his twentieth year as Treasurer of the local chapter. The boys were happy to have as their guests Col. Harry Bissell and Len Maloney.

The Chapter and Auxiliary have been running monthly socials. To us a "social" means dancing and plenty of good eats which the ladies concoct. These affairs have been very successful and will continue until hot weather.

Our 20th Annual Seicheprey Day Banquet will be held at the Elton, Saturday, April 15th. Get your reservations in boys and girls before the 12th. We hope to have delegations from neighboring chapters and auxiliaries. The Banquet Committee is holding many meetings and from what we hear this will be a bang-up affair. Don't miss it. The Committee consists of Herman Schaeffer, Chairman; Frederick W. Rowe, Albert Carignan, Ernest Massicotte, Howard Hickcox, Walter L. Bolan and Joseph Charpentier, Commander.

Was talking to Joseph Cunningham the other day. He hasn't been feeling too well but hopes to be back in stride soon.

Jack Dwyer has been laid up but we hear he is on the convalescent list.

Col. Bill Shanahan has had quite a siege of illness but we understand is getting along nicely. Hope he will be able to attend the meetings soon.

Fire-fighter Tim Horgan is also on the mend.

Mrs. Charles Ladue is recovering from a recent operation. Hope Mr. and Mrs. Charles make the banquet or it wouldn't seem just right.

Fred Schell was pretty active at a fire in the downtown section recently. He disappeared for a while and we wondered if he was looking around for drapes for that cottage. Don't forget the cottage boys — Fred still has a shingle out "furnishings wanted."

Congratulations are in order for Bill Deady. Have you heard the news? Bill should now be addressed as Captain. Happy days, Bill!

On Friday evening, March 3rd, plans were announced for a Past Commander' banquet to be held at Connie Larson's Tavern on Thursday, March 16th. Committees were appointed also for our Seicheprey Day Annual banquet.

— Walter L. Bolan and Fred Rowe.

WILLIMANTIC
"Windham County Chapter"
Commander: Henry Pukallus
87 Smith Ave., Norwich, Conn.
Secretary: Charles Rathbone
R.F.D. No. 2, Norwich, Conn.

The Installation of Willimantic Chapter took place on Saturday night, March the 18th, with over 100 YD men and women in attendance. National Commander Ed Miller installed the new officers and was assisted by National Sergeant-at-Arms Harry Robertson.

The officers installed were:

Commander, Henry Pukallus, Norwich, Conn.; Sr. Vice Commander, Lawrence Lindgren, Scotland, Conn.; Jr. Vice Commander, Tom Delaney, Norwich, Conn.; Secretary, Charles Rathbone, Norwich, Conn.; Treasurer, Eliott Moshier, Willimantic, Conn.; Chaplain, Tony Meraty, Willimantic, Conn.; Sergt.-at-Arms, Euclid Pimpare, Willimantic, Conn.

Following the ceremonies a very fine buffet lunch was served and then there was an entertainment and dancing. Entertainment was furnished by a minstrel troup from Norwich and a harmonica band from Willimantic. For this we extend thanks to Commander Pukallus and "Zip" Lapan. One of the features was a cornet solo by Wendell Moshier, son of our Past Commander, who was accompanied at the piano by his mother. The dance music was furnished by the Willington Serenaders under the direction of Charles Todd. The party from our standpoint and I think from the remarks heard was a grand success.

Also a Past Commanders' badge was presented to Past Commander Moshier by Gardiner Hall.

Guests present were — Guy Watts and Ted Wilson of Boston, Clyde Elliott of Worcester, Larry Cook of Providence, Len Maloney of Conn., Bill Thompson of Conn., Bill Saladin of Bristol, W. Allen of Manchester, Joe Keeney

of New London, HARVEY ADAMS of Meriden, BEN BOURNE of Hartford, Mayor Maramee of Willimantic, First Selectman WILLIAM BUCK of Willimantic, STANLEY HEALEY Commander of Legion, Willimantic, JOE BARRY Commander of V.F.W., Norwich.

We wish through this column to express our sympathy to TOM DELANEY whose wife is in the Providence Hospital. We hope for her speedy recovery.

We are getting steamed up by stages now for the big time in June and very shortly will have all reservations made for this big event. The members are now turning their attention toward the payment of dues for 1939-40 and expect shortly to have all members back in the fold again. We will soon be making plans for turning out our entire membership for the "Big Parade" in June and also for a musical organization to head our delegation.

— G. H. H.

CONNECTICUT NOTES

Major BILL MAXWELL of Hartford has been promoted to lieutenant colonel and placed on the National Guard retired list at his own request. (Bill was on the staff of Col. JOE "Little Corporal" NOLAN, commandant of the 169th Inf.)

ROLAND DEVINE, Box 145, Wethersfield, Conn., would like to hear from his old buddies of Co. L, 104th Infantry.

The 50 Connecticut YD men who braved the elements to get to the state meeting at Ansonia deserve a medal of some sort. Even New London and Willimantic were represented.

LEN MALONEY and HARRY BISSELL were speakers at a testimonial dinner for FRED ROWE, treasurer of Waterbury Chapter. Fred has been their chancellor of the exchequer for 19 years.

Connecticut's General Edwards Memorial Committee has written to Gov. Lewis Barrows and Adjutant General ALBERT GREENLAW asking their support of the Lewiston YD gang's efforts to erect a memorial arch to General EDWARDS on the National Guard Camp Grounds at Augusta. Every little bit helps.

STEVE BOMBOLISKI, of New Haven Chapter, is off hitch-hikers for life. One of them cracked Steve on the knob recently and sent him to the lazaret.

The committee handling the memorial for the late Major A. FREDERICK OBERLIN has decided upon the erection of five stained glass windows in the rotunda of Hamden's new Memorial town hall. The windows will cost $2,000 and only about $400 is needed to complete the amount. Send in your contributions to Clayton H. Lindsay, Treasurer, Oberlin Fund, Town Hall, Hamden. NATE HAMMERMAN, LEON BOOTH and LEN MALONEY are on the committee set up by Hamden Post, No. 88, American Legion, to handle the matter.

Senator Claude Mills, of Rockville, (Co. H, 102nd Inf.) told the Military Affairs Committee that it was high time Connecticut recognized General EDWARDS for the grand old person that he was.

— L. J. M.

DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Dep't. Commander: Peter Sady, 409 Griswold St., Detroit, Mich.

CLEVELAND
"Ohio Chapter"
Commander: Fred H. Flahavan
1257 East 101st St., Cleveland
Secretary: George Z. Jackson
1289 West 76th St., Cleveland

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we have been unable to hold a general meeting this month, but our officers have held several impromptu meetings discussing plans for the improvement and enlargement of Ohio Chapter.

We are developing schemes for financial aid for the Chapter and hope to have things on a firm basis before long.

A general meeting will be held early in April when we hope to have things going with a bang. Have just received word from HENRY J. WITT (104th M.G. Co.) and MIKE KIHORANY, (Co. L, 102nd Inf.), they are anxious to come into the fold.

Several other leads are developing and we hope to corral a few more of the old gang in the near future.

G. Z. J.

DENVER
"Rocky Mountain Chapter"
Commander: Albert W. Rockwell
1414 Marion St., Denver
Secretary: Arthur G. Vetter
1205 Logan St., Denver, Colo.

At our last meeting, held on Monday, March 20th, ten former "Yanks" were present. These

were, ROCKWELL, CHANDLER, STILES, MURRAY, GOEDELMANN, GOWEN, MORRIS, CHAPIN, VETTER and JOHNSON. NORTON was unable to be present because of the "flu". Since then he has recovered. BOB MCLAGHLIN, a patient at Fitzsimons Hospital sent a note saying that he would not be present.

Mrs. Pedicino informs us that PAT, also a patient at Fitzsimons, is getting along fine. This is good news, as Pat is one swell fellow and was one of the "old faithfuls" when he was up and around.

A number of the fellows present kicked in with their annual dues. Two of our members, TEMPLE BUELL and ROY DOYLE, always faithful in paying their dues, we never see any more. How about giving us a "look-in" sometime, fellows?

— A. G. V.

DETROIT
Commander: John H. Guittaud
7407 Dunedin, Detroit
Secretary: David Swartz
15,815 Linwood St., Detroit

Our meeting on Friday, the 24th, found ten of us gathered around a long table at Murphy's Restaurant where we discussed several important issues, got them out of the way, then dug out that fleshless creature attached to those elected to head the slate for the coming year, gave each of them a job to think of, slapped a few on the back, a few others had beer, and all of us scattered shekels to the four winds by the use of those slippery, thin, fancy figured numerical labeled paste-boards. All of this to the tune of music. During a lull and after waving the magic wand the following names were dragged out of the hat, the nominees for office:

For Commander, JACK GITTAUD; Sr. V.C., ELMER G. BRACKETT; Jr. V.C., FRANCIS CLARK; Sec. and Treas. DAVE SWARTZ; Chaplain, EMIL RARNA; Service Officer, DICK SCANLAN; Historian, SAM ZUSMAN; Sgt.-at-Arms, ATHOL DAVIS.

Before adjourning it was decided that the next meeting would take place at ELMER BRACKETT'S recreational and entertainment basement on Saturday night, April 29th, where the boys had a swell time a year ago. He has something up his sleeve besides his arm and — *we are not going to miss finding out what it is going to be.* This social event is to follow the election and installation of officers.

The "flu" epidemic and night work (at their place of business) has been responsible for the small attendance at our last two meetings. From late reports the boys are all on the mend and hope to be with us when next we get-together.

The clarion call for dues has been sounded. They will be sent in as gathered.

— DAVE SWARTZ, Sec.

"Michigan's Overseas Veteran", the official Department V.F.W. monthly newspaper, published in Harbor Springs, Mich. — issue of April, 1939, carries a splendid and cordial write-up of the Yankee Division and the local YD Chapter. DAVE SWARTZ's efforts toward YD publicity are bearing fruit.

— ED.

LOS ANGELES
"Southern California Chapter"
Commander: George D. Cannon
4895 Eldred St., Los Angeles
Secretary: George K. Mitchell
824 Cresthaven Dr., Los Angeles

With our annual election set for April 5th, the two business meetings of the YD Club of Southern California in March featured nominations for the various offices and still others will be made at the election meeting.

Immediately following the election, the new officers of both the club and the auxiliary will be installed in a joint ceremony after which a social hour is planned.

At our last meeting the long talked about matter of gifts for our Past Commanders was settled when it was decided to purchase YD emblem rings for all who had not received a gift. It was also voted to get one for PETE DRESSER as a token of our appreciation of his outstanding service to the club last year as General Chairman of the Reunion Committee.

Past Commanders JOE MCCARTHY and ARCHIE BRADLEY were present for the first time in several months, Joe being in town from San Francisco where he is working at the Golden Gate International Exposition, while Archie drove in from his home in Arcadia, California.

BRADLEY reported having recently entertained Major CAMPBELL of the 2nd Batt., 104th Infantry, out here from Haverhill, Mass., on a visit.

Members of the 104th Infantry Regiment are planning for their annual reunion, and not to be outdone by their rivals, the boys of the 102nd Regiment are lining up a Seicheprey Day get-together at the Earl Carroll Theatre Restaurant in Hollywood.

NEW YORK

Commander: Joseph C. McGlone
Harvard Club, West 44th Street, New York
Secretary: H. W. Washburn, Jr.
677 Fifth Ave., New York

Strange as it may seem, ye scribe is late with the news and must hammer it out real fast to get it to the "try-potter" in time for the "trying out" process.

The New York Chapter held its last meeting on Friday, March 24, at the 77th Division Club House, 28 East 39th Street, New York, N. Y. Dinner was served to all at 60 cents each and was pronounced excellent.

Meeting called to order by Commander JOSEPH C. MCGLONE at 8:45 P. M. Due to the absence of our Chaplain, Father THOMAS F. TEMPLE, the Chaplain's Prayer was read by BUCK O'BRIEN.

This was followed by the usual ritual after which the meeting was declared officially open. Introductions were in order and we noticed several members who have not been with us for some time — Gosh, I have been called down so many time for publishing names, guess I will refrain this time, but it was a pleasure to have these members with us.

Under the Welfare Committee report, OTIS CULVER reported BART KILEY as being quite ill and is confined to the Veterans Hospital on Kingsbridge Road. Doc BUEHLER requested the Commander to appoint a committee to call on BART and ANDY LEMON. PAT O'HARA, JOHN O'NEIL, OTIS CULVER, BUCK O'BRIEN and JOE MCGLONE volunteered to act as such.

It was reported by JOE GREENBERG that JOE HANERFELD had been confined to the hospital for some time but was now home and had been granted a permanent pension for disability.

The reason for shifting the meeting night to Friday was to find out which night might best suit the majority of the members. A vote taken of members present showed that 23 could be present any night in the week, 3 voted for Wednesday, 1 voted for Thursday and 35 voted for Friday. So it looks as though Friday would be the night for a month or so at least.

Our Junior Past Commander, ED NELSON, who is also Chairman of the Hartford Convention Committee, reported 34 signed up to go to Hartford and this is the best record so far in advance.

Ed also reported that Henry F. Moore, Commander of the Daily News Post, 1234 A. L. has a Drum Corps which is the finest in the City and we should make arrangements to take them to Hartford with us. Henry told us a few things about the Corps and about the twirler who took the first prize as Junior and Senior. The Corps as a whole took first prize for their work and appearance. It is expected to have the Drum Corps with us at Fordham.

Regarding General Edwards Memorial, Dr. ARTHUR G. BUEHLER is Chairman of the Reception Committee for distinguished guests. ED NELSON is Chairman of the Publicity Committee, BOB DICKSON is Chairman of the Committee on Military arrangements. The Program Committee consists of BUCK O'BRIEN, HENRY MOORE, ERNEST KLUGE, Captain POTTER, PAT O'HARA, HAROLD BROWN and CLAUDE SEITZ. 90 letters of invitation have been set out and so far (April 1st) 22 replies accepting have been received. About 70 replies have been received altogether. All final arrangements are being made and we not only expect but are looking forward to a wonderful gathering. It is hoped that General Harbord will give the Dedicatory address.

OTIS CULVER is now Promotion Manager of the Empire Hotel on Broadway at 63rd Street, and would be pleased to have any YD men who contemplate taking in the Worlds Fair (either with or without their families) drop him a line for rates at the hotel.

Another Mademoiselle from Armentieres was raffled off and ERNEST KLUGE was the lucky person this month.

Quite a bit of new business was brought up but most of the evening was taken up with the General Edwards Memorial.

Meeting closed at 10:20 P. M.

— "WHIT."

WASHINGTON

Commander: Joseph Jordan, Jr.
1750 Harvard St., Washington, D. C.
Secretary: Raymond J. Queenin
4328 Brandywine St., NW, Washington, D. C.

The installation of officers of Washington Chapter will be held on April 18. DOINGS is in ignorance of the place selected for the party. Names of the new officers were given in last month's issue.

The National Commander and National Secretary plan to attend the installation.

DUES ARE DUE

OUTBURSTS FROM THE OLD OUTFITS

102ND INFANTRY

SUPPLY COMPANY

The first reunion of the Supply Company, 102nd Inf. will be held in Hartford during the coming convention and it is hoped that as many as possible will attend. It is planned to hold the reunion on June 24th immediately after the parade. Those members in New Haven will get in touch with Major J. P. HOULEY; Waterbury, JERRY GRIFFIN, Fire Department; Fitchburg, CHARLIE GOUGEN; and Hartford, JIM DOOLEY, CARL BANKS or BILL SULLIVAN. W. L. SULLIVAN, 90 Market Street, Hartford, Conn.

101ST MACHINE GUN B'N.

A letter from Convention Chairman BEN BOURN says that ERNEST CLARK has promised to write an announcement of a reunion to be held by the Battalion during the Hartford Convention. We haven't seen the article, but according to Ben's letter, it will be held on the evening of June 24, at Rosewood, in Weatogue, Conn.

103RD MACHINE GUN B'N.

HARRY BUGBEE writes from Highgate, Vt., that GEORGE CORVEAU has been living in Highgate for several years, with his wife in a pleasant bungalow at the edge of the village. George was pretty well shot up at Chateau Thierry and was in the hospital a number of months; now receives total compensation. He is an extremely modest, quiet fellow, and as a testimony of the esteem of his fellow citizens, he was recently appointed Chairman of the town's Memorial and Armistice Day Committee at Harry's suggestion, with the understanding that the position might be purely honorary if he felt unable to take an active part.

Another member of George's company, ARTHUR ROLFE also lives in Highgate and is also on the Memorial Day Committee.

A COMPANY

Three months ago, a "Last Man's Club" was formed in A Company, and the following officers elected: President, JOSEPH L. "Pete" BOURGET; V.P., ALBERT SHABBOTT; Treasurer, FRANK SENIOR; Secretary, ELLIOTT F. "Dinky" DANN; Sgt.-at-Arms, EDWARD CLARK.

A banquet was held at the Biltmore Hotel in Providence on March 25, and we were happy to welcome about 50 of our former comrades, including Lt. Col. WILLIAM IRELAND who commanded the company in France; Capt. HAROLD "Mother" ANDREWS; Maj. JOHN E. "Top-kick" BAIRD; Lt. BILL GARLICK; Lt. TED FLETCHER; Company clerk PAUL FLETCHER; BILL BOWDEN from White River Jct., Vt., and BILL CARNEY from Boston.

Lt. Jacques Lepoutre, Knight of the French Legion of Honor, representing the Republic of France, presented the Club with a bottle of champagne to be consumed by the last survivor. After a few speeches, songs and anecdotes, a cocktail was held high and a toast drunk to "The Last Man."

Among those who did their share toward entertaining were: "Jeff" JEFFERSON at the piano, "Soup-Gun" TWEEDLEY and MCCOLLUM in a duet, JOE VEGIARD in "the Silent Hunter," FITZPATRICK in questions and answers, the biggest laugh of the evening.

Meetings of the Club will be held every Thursday for the next six weeks at headquarters, 936 Main St., Pawtucket, R. I. All A Co. men welcome.

— J. L. B.

ENGINEER ENTRIES

This issue goes to press too early to tell of the Annual Reunion at the Cadet Armory on Saturday, April 8, given each year since the war by the ladies of the 101st Engineer Welfare Association.

We have a pencilled note here saying that

BERT FLEMING has been elected a member of the city commission of Phoenix, Arizona recently.

F COMPANY

A picure post card postmarked Hamilton, Bermuda, March 8, has been received from BOB MILLAR. He states he is having a grand time and hoisting one for someone else in F Company when he has one for himself.

Let's see — what's new? JOE FITCH, JIMMY JAMES, JOE CICCOLO, ELMER CASEY, ED SAULNIER, LEA REDFIELD and PHIL SANBORN attended the Annual Meeting of the Department of Massachusetts, Y.D.V.A. at Salem on April 2. Perhaps one or two others; if we've skipped anyone, it's not intentional.

Riding down with JIMMY JAMES, your correspondent learned that Sgt. "Kitty" FAFORD whose accident in having a bag of grain fall on him was reported a long time ago, is still in pretty tough shape. Jimmy hears from his wife, as he isn't able to write a letter.

AL DAY attended the March 9 smoker at the YD Club and was greeted by the old-timers — and not only F Co. or Engineer old timers either — like a long-lost brother. AL used to be around the Club a lot in those pre-historic days of 1920 and 21.

If we manage to get to the affair at the Armory next Saturday, we should have more news for you next month. Oh yes, by the way, what do you say on paying your YD dues promptly, whether you belong to the Boston Club or one of the others.

— P. N. S.

104th AMBULANCE COMPANY

The 104th Ambulance Company Veterans Association will hold its annual Dinner and Reunion on April 15th, at 44 Harrison Street, Providence, R. I. Dinner will be served as near 6 P. M. as possible. All members are urged to contact the President, Mr. EDWIN L. REID, 116 Gallatin St., Prov., R. I. at once.

Very truly yours,

— ALBERT H. MITCHELL,
Secretary.

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Notice has been received of the death, some time in 1938, of ARTHUR J. BAKER, formerly sergeant in the 101st Mobile Ordnance Repair Shop.

ALBERT J. FRANK, of Framingham, Mass., regiment not given in clipping, died on March 19. He was a Past Commander of James O. Carey Post, The American Legion, in civil life sales promotion manager of the Warren Telechron Co. of Ashland. He leaves a widow, two daughters, two sisters.

Dr. EDWARD H. KINDER, formerly of the 101st Infantry, died. The date given in the clipping is "yesterday". (This column has repeatedly asked that clippings BE DATED.) Enlisting at the age of 17, he became a sergeant and was twice cited for bravery. He graduated from Tufts Dental School after the war, and since that time has practiced dentistry in Boston. He leaves a widow, mother and two brothers.

Another undated clipping states that EARL H. TIDD, outfit not given, of Porter, Maine, died in the Maine General Hospital.

This column has also received notification of the deaths of several Rhode Island YD men. THOMAS B. ALLING formerly of B Batt., 103rd Field Artillery died on March 11; LEO SAVERIA, formerly of the 102nd Field Artillery died on March 18; LOUIS A. BURGESS, outfit not stated, died on February 5; Benton V. Johnson, aY. M. C. A. worker attached to the 103rd M.G. Battalion, date of death not given.

Roger P. Jones, an honorary member of New Haven Chapter, Y.D.V.A., and a prominent and well-known citizen of that city, died on March 7. He had served as a member of the Board of Assessors since 1926, and had had military service as a member of the Governor's Foot Guards. He was 64 years of age.

Word has reached YANKEE DOINGS of the death on last October 31, of Gen. Joseph Degoutte, under whose command the Yankee Division served during the Aisne-Marne offensive. A long article from the New York *Times* has been forwarded to YANKEE DOINGS, recounting the life-long and truly outstanding career of this great soldier. It is to be regretted that it cannot be reprinted here.

Deepest sympathy is extended to Maj. Gen. THOMAS FOLEY, Chief of Police of Worcester, Mass., upon the sudden death of his son from a heart attack following his attendance at a pro-

fessional hockey match in Boston; also to LESLIE PERRY, member of the Boston Chapter in the loss of his father who died in Florida on April 2; also to HOWARD D. JOHNSON, upon the loss of his mother on March 11.

ANTHONY P. CALANO, formerly of E Co., 102nd Infantry, died March 4th, at his home, 128 Irving St., Hartford, Conn., after a short illness. He was 43 years of age. Born in Saracina, Italy, he lived in Hartford 33 years and was a motion picture operator at the Lenox Theatre.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Mary Talisano Calano; two daughters, the misses Innocence and Margaret Calano; a son, Leone Calano, and two brothers, James and Leonard Calano, all of Hartford.

A military funeral was held Wednesday, March 8th with a solemn requiem Mass at St. Anthony's Church. The Rev. John Reilly was celebrant, the Rev. Andrew J. Kelly subdeacon. Mrs. Anthony Zizzamia and WILLIAM DOYLE, a member of the YDVA were soloists. Burial was in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery. The Rev. John J. Kelly conducted the committal service.

He has been a member of the Yankee Division Veterans Association since its beginning and of the Hartford Chapter since 1935.

The bearers, all members of the Hartford Chapter were, Joseph Vallera, Stephen Romano, Carl Nelson, James L. Yacavone, William L. Sullivan and Arthur Charbonneau. George A. Eddy and Anthony Angelo were colorbearers. A firing squad from the 169th Infantry, under the command of Sergt. Nathan Pierce, discharged a volley over the grave. Dominic Picciolo sounded taps.

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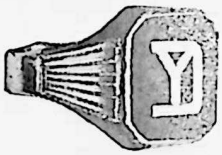

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